

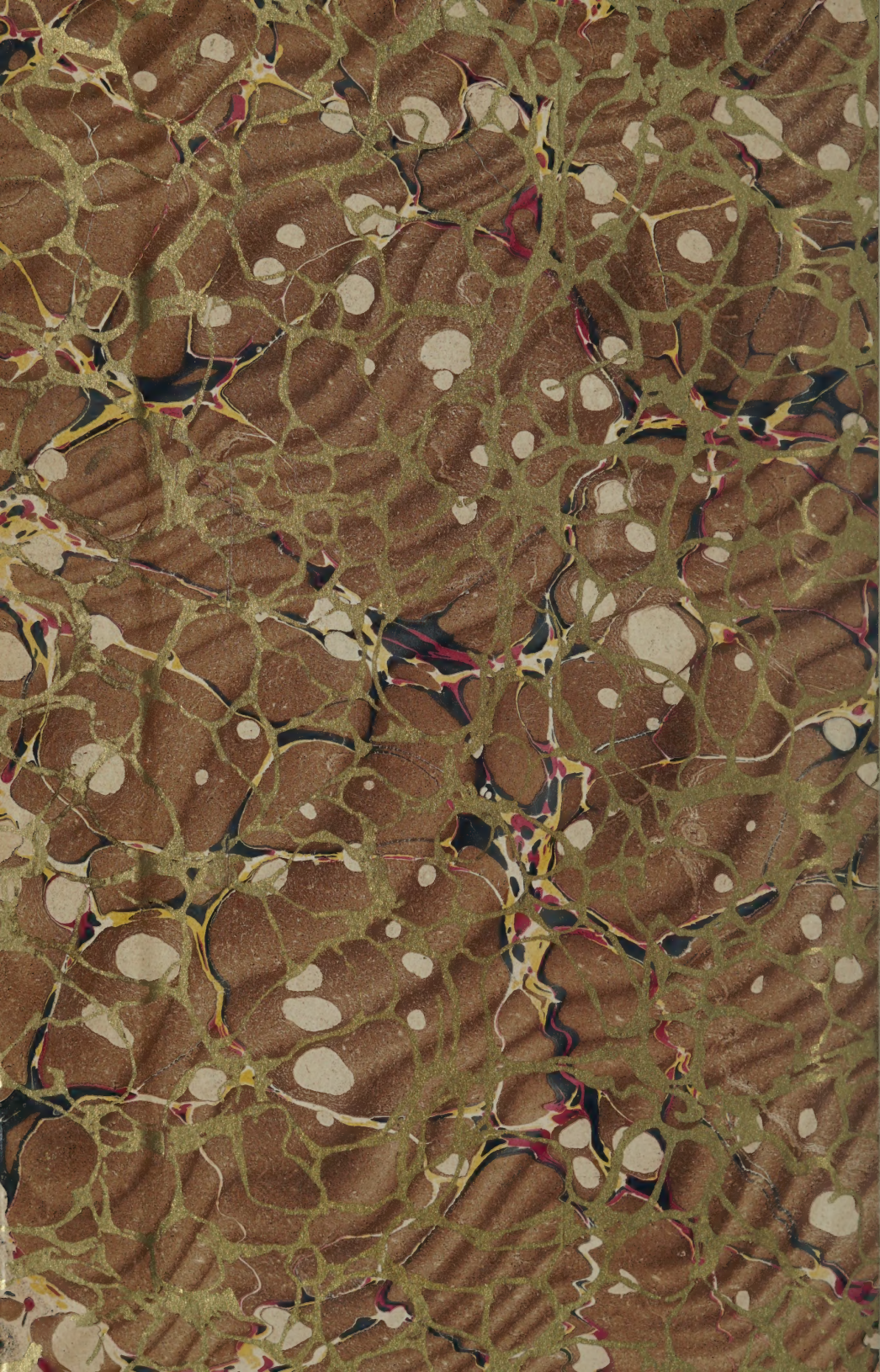
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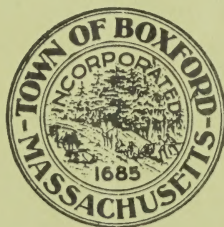
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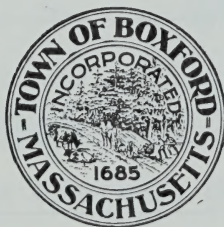
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Together with the  
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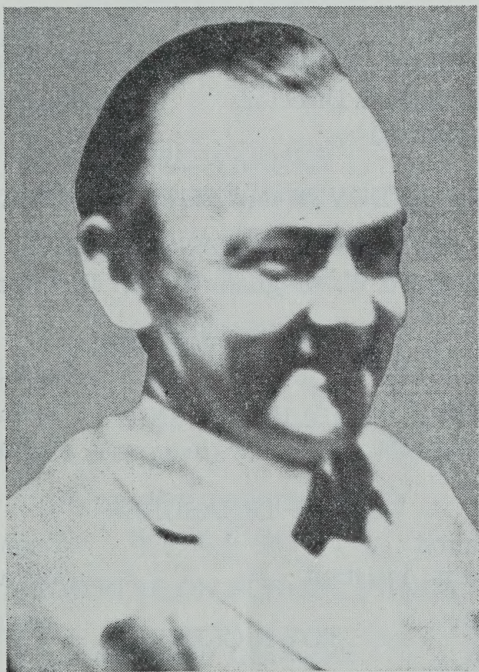
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**IN MEMORIAM**



**FRANKLIN CAMPBELL ROBERTS, JR.**

**1921 - 1966**

**Building Inspector**  
**Special Police**  
**Selectman**

**1950-51**  
**1951-60**  
**1957-64**

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**TOWN OFFICERS****BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Clayton B. Larrabee	Term expires 1967
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1968
John Evans	Term expires 1969

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE****Selectmen****CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT**

Mrs. Phyllis R. Brown, Director (Resigned)	Leo Jeghelian, Director
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**NORTH ANDOVER and BOXFORD DISTRICT****DEPT. OF VETERANS' SERVICE**

Bernard W. Bingham, District Director

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1967
Chester K. Triss	Term expires 1968
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1969

**TOWN TREASURER**

Lucy J. Parkhurst	Term expires 1967
Helen L. Benulis, Assistant	Term expires 1967

**TOWN CLERK**

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1968
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1968

**MODERATOR**

William J. Greenler, Jr.

**COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Frederick A. Smallman

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Webster B. Brockelman, Jr.	Term expires 1967
Robert R. Crandall	Term expires 1967
John Stewart Haywood (Resigned)	Term expires 1967
Peter K. Race	Term expires 1968
A. Gordon Price	Term expires 1969
James H. Heeremans	Term expires 1969

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Charles H. Pinkham, 2nd	Term expires 1967
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1968
Stephen Maddock, M.D.	Term expires 1969

## TREE WARDEN

Robert E. Hebb

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Clinton E. French

## CONSTABLES

Cecil H. Farnsworth	Walter H. Gamams, Jr.
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## CHIEF OF POLICE

David W. DiTomaso (Resigned)	Douglas A. Warren
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## MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Robert E. Hebb

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Amy G. Parkhurst	Harry E. Task
Richard P. Chadwick	

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley	Term expires 1968
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## CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

C. Richard Cunningham (Resigned)	Charles E. Killam
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## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.



## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

Samuel E. Lawes

## TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Archer N. French

## DOG OFFICER

Grace L. Gray (Resigned)

Donald E. Hughes

## FOREST WARDEN

C. Richard Cunningham

## FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

## REGIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

John Stuart Haywood

Term expires 1967

Hans W. Barber

Term expires 1968

Shirley L. MacGill

Term expires 1969

## PLANNING BOARD

Charles L. Cotton

Term expires 1967

Charles P. A. Nelson

Term expires 1968

E. Laurence Colby

Term expires 1969

J. Warren Chadwick

Term expires 1970

William E. Dorman

Term expires 1970

Warren R. Godfrey

Term expires 1971

David L. Pitt

Term expires 1971

## CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Henry W. Nason

John M. Moore

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

## WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

## GAS INSPECTOR

Gardner W. Starrett

## PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Harold L. Galloway

## TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1967
Robert P. Parkhurst	Term expires 1968
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1969

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert C. Buell	Term expires 1967
John G. Bolton	Term expires 1967
DeWitt T. Minnich	Term expires 1968
Arion C. Pierce (Resigned)	Term expires 1969
Allen E. Griffin	Term expires 1969
Carlyle W. Thomas	Term expires 1969

## TOWN COUNSEL

William T. Greenler, Jr.

## APPEAL BOARD

Paul G. Edwards	Term expires 1966
Simeon Locke, M.D.	Term expires 1967
Roland W. Butters	Term expires 1968

## APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATE

John P. Marsh	Term expires 1967
Richard Spofford	Term expires 1968
Donald Scutiére	Term expires 1969

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

William R. Davis (Resigned)	Term expires 1967
Shirley MacGill	Term expires 1968
A. Gordon Price	Term expires 1968
Marion M. Colby	Term expires 1969
David C. Doughty (Resigned)	Term expires 1969
John J. Hudson	Term expires 1969



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Winthrop P. Haynes (Resigned)	Term expires 1967
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1967
Stuart K. Harris	Term expires 1968
Edward L. French	Term expires 1968
Dorothy Woodbury	Term expires 1969
Catherine Thomas	Term expires 1969

## SPECIAL POLICE

Clinton E. French	Harold O. Sederquest
Cecil Farnsworth	Paul A. Genest
Ethel Walker	Richard W. Pratt
Walter H. Gamans, Jr.	Joseph A. Pageau
Fred D. Newell, Jr.	David French
James T. Stromberg	William Stone

## RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson	Ernest K. Mortimer
Horace D. Moore	Francis S. Smith

## SWORN WEIGHERS

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

## FIELD DRIVERS

## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Leroy E. Curtis, Jr.	Term expires 1967
Robert R. Crandall	Term expires 1967
John R. Benson	Term expires 1968
A. Gordon Price	Term expires 1968
Louis Vrettos	Term expires 1969
Frederick B. Monell, Jr.	Term expires 1969
James Heeremans	Term expires 1969

## WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Patricia Bailly	Donald J. Scutiére
Buell L. Bassette	William A. Cheney

Clayton A. Nelson

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1967
Arthur F. White	Term expires 1967
Richard P. Chadwick	Term expires 1967
Milton E. Lord	Term expires 1968
John F. G. Eichon	Term expires 1968
Virginia B. Waters	Term expires 1968
Thomas A. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1969
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1969
Catherine T. Thomas	Term expires 1969

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BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1965 census), 3004.

Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Third Essex Senatorial District and in the Eleventh Essex Representative District.

The Senator is William L. Saltonstall, 388 Summer Street, Manchester, Massachusetts.

The Representatives are Belden G. Bly, Jr., 46 Auburn Street, Saugus, and Russell H. Craig, 35 Monroe Street, Lynnfield.

The Building Inspector is Henry W. Nason, Washington Street, West Boxford. Telephone 352-2323.

The Wire Inspector is Herbert W. Sperry, Main St., West Boxford. Telephone 352-2470.

The Sanitary Engineer is Tracy I. Flagg, 111 Collins Street, Danvers. Telephone (evenings) 774-4979.

The Gas Inspector is Gardner W. Starrett, Middleton Road. Telephone 887-5058.

The Plumbing Inspector is Harold R. Galloway, Middleton Road, Boxford. Telephone 887-2232.



**LIST OF JURORS — 1966-1967**

Anderson, Thomas J., engineer, Cedar Street, Boxford.  
Andruss, Barbara B., housewife, Mill Road, Boxford.  
Bickford, Stanley M., engineer, Georgetown Road, Boxford.  
Butler, Howard F., accountant, Georgetown Road, Boxford.  
Cargill, Thomas E., Sr., retired, Main Street, Boxford.  
Chadwick, Everett H., farmer, Main Street, West Boxford.  
Clay, George R., retired, off Main Street, West Boxford.  
Connor, Raymond J., retired, Middleton Road, Boxford.  
Cotton, Mabel B., housewife, Herrick Road, Boxford.  
Curtis, LeRoy E., telephone engineer, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.  
Curtis, Otis E., industrial worker, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.  
Dodge, Harold L., Sr., laborer, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford.  
Eaton, Forrest G., executive, Middleton Road, Boxford.  
Edwards, Dorothea L., housewife, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Edwards, Mary M., housewife, Cross Road, Boxford.  
Galloway, Harold R., plumber, Middleton Road, Boxford.  
Goodding, Leston E., engineer, King Edward Court, Boxford.  
Haywood, Ruth, housewife, Kelsey Road, Boxford.  
Hazelwood, Earle C., Jr., industrial engineer, Chapman Road, Boxford.  
Hitchcock, Crosby, telephone employee, Middleton Road, Boxford.  
Kane, Mildred E., housewife, Woodcrest Road, Boxford.  
Larson, L. James, engineer, Stage Coach Road, Boxford.  
Lombard, Theodore L., banker, Herrick Road, Boxford.  
McClung, Hugh A., foreman, Main Street, West Boxford.  
Monell, Frederick B., Jr., retired, Washington Street, West Boxford.  
Nason, Beulah W., insurance executive, Washington Street, West Boxford.  
Nickerson, Norman B., engineer, Depot Road, Boxford.  
Orth, Edmond D., engineer, King James Court, Boxford.  
Parkhurst, Robert P., machinist, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Purkis, George T., manufacture, Bare Hill Road, Boxford.

Raciti, Joseph A., industrial engineer, Killam Hill Road, Boxford.

Rotsko, Alexander, engineer, Ipswich Road, Boxford.

Schott, Warren B., Jr., engineer, Fish Brook Road, Boxford.

Thomas, Carlyle, shoe machinery, Baldpate Road, Boxford.

Walker, Roland E., engineer, Chapman Road, Boxford.

Williams, Elizabeth, housewife, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1966**

The voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School at 8 P.M. After a brief prayer by Rev. Arthur White, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the Moderator. The Articles of the Warrant were acted upon as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted to adopt the suggested budget as written in the Town Report.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$2,500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$15,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1966, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to adopt the following wage scales for labor in the several departments:

- a. \$1.75 per hour for part-time and casual labor.
- b. \$2.00 per hour for unskilled labor in the Highway Dept., etc.
- c. \$2.25 per hour for truck drivers and subordinate officers.
- d. \$2.50 per hour for department heads.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$555.45 re-funded from the County on account of dog licenses, for the



support of the libraries, to be expended by the elected Town Library Trustees.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be expended by the elected Town Library Trustees.

Article 10. Voted to accept Whittier Terrace as a public road subject to the setting of fixed bounds.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$37,100.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for improvements in the fire stations.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for dry hydrants and the maintenance of water holes.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of trading the police cruiser for a new model.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for micro-filming of records.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of two new snowplows.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for recreational planning.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,108.00 for the purpose of providing the Town's share of the cost of the Regional District School Committee to pay for an architect, or other professional services, to draw plans and specifications for an addition to the regional school together with any remodelling to the existing buildings as may be made necessary thereby, in accordance with the original agreement with the Towns of Middleton and Topsfield establishing the Regional School District as amended by vote of the member towns in 1961 and 1965, and to expressly ratify and confirm the Town's acceptance of said amendments, and to direct the Town Treasurer to pay over said sum to the Regional District School Committee to be used only in conjunction with funds appropriated by the other two member towns for this purpose.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,780.00 for the construction during the year 1966 of a regulation-size baseball field at Boy Scout Park, if included in the overall facility plan to be obtained by the Town Recreation Committee.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of establishing and equipping a central communications system for town departments.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be used in conjunction with an allotment from the State under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction.

✓ Article 23. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five members to be known as the Boxford Water & Drainage Committee; said committee to be appointed for the purpose of planning the development and protection of water sources within the Town.

Article 24. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Water & Drainage Committee to engage a professional engineering company to conduct a survey of the potential source or sources of water supply for the Town, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 therefor.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,400.00 for the Conservation Committee.

Article 26. Voted to pass over.

Article 27. Voted to repair and improve a section of Wil-low Road, from Washington St. to Georgetown town line, and to appropriate therefor the sum of \$3,390.00, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the State under Chapter 679, Acts of 1965.

Article 28. Voted to pass over.

✓ Article 29. Voted to enact the following by-law:  
"Any person or firm requiring the services of the Tree Warden shall pay for such services at an hourly rate

established by the Selectmen. Such compensation shall be paid directly to the said Tree Warden."

✓ Article 30. The following resolution was voted: hereafter, the flyers containing the Articles of the Warrant and the Budget (suggested) for the annual Town Meeting will indicate the sponsor of each article, and also show the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Greenler, the Moderator, announced the completion of twenty years in that position and thanked the townspeople for their helpfulness in making the meetings operate smoothly over that period.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M. 450 Voters attended the meeting.

A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk



**BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1966**

	<b>Adopted Budget 1966</b>
Selectmen .....	\$1,450.00
Board of Public Welfare .....	300.00
Assessors .....	2,500.00
Treasurer .....	700.00
Town Clerk .....	600.00
Collector of Taxes .....	2,000.00
Town Accountant .....	2,900.00
Registrars .....	400.00
Elections .....	1,200.00
Planning Board .....	300.00
Appeal Board .....	200.00
Building Inspector .....	1,000.00
Wire Inspector .....	1,000.00
Gas Inspector .....	500.00
Plumbing Inspector .....	600.00
Finance Committee .....	50.00
Town Counsel .....	500.00
Recreation Committee .....	1,200.00
Board of Health .....	4,800.00
Inspection of Slaughter .....	800.00
Inspection of Animals .....	50.00
Dog Officer .....	100.00
Police .....	18,000.00
Fire Department .....	16,200.00
Tree Warden .....	2,000.00
Moth Suppression .....	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease .....	2,000.00
Public Welfare .....	} 14,000.00
Disability Assistance .....	
Aid to Dependent Children .....	
Old Age Assistance .....	
Medical Aid to Aged .....	} 722.00
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Adm. ....	
Veterans' Benefits .....	1,500.00

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	<b>Adopted Budget 1966</b>
School .....	259,059.00
Regional District School .....	342,192.76
Selectmen's Highway Fund .....	2,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance .....	3,400.00
Snow Removal .....	21,000.00
Street Lighting .....	900.00
Vacation Account .....	1,200.00
Sick Benefit .....	350.00
Town Halls .....	2,000.00
Public Grounds .....	300.00
Town Forest .....	100.00
Civil Defense .....	215.00
Insurance .....	6,400.00
Memorial Day .....	525.00
Soldiers' Graves .....	225.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery .....	50.00
Harmony Cemetery .....	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery .....	150.00
Town Reports .....	1,600.00
Clerical .....	2,000.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund .....	1,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt .....	3,500.00
School House Notes .....	31,000.00
Community House .....	300.00
Conservation Committee .....	1,520.00
Group Hospital & Life Insurance .....	4,000.00
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	\$764,108.76

Other amounts to be raised and appropriated:

Article 9 .....	\$ 6,000.00
Article 12 .....	1,000.00
Article 13 .....	500.00
Article 14 .....	2,000.00
Article 15 .....	175.00

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Article 16 .....	1,500.00	
Article 17 .....	1,500.00	
Article 18 .....	10,108.00	
Article 19 .....	4,780.00	
Article 20 .....	12,000.00	
Article 21 .....	800.00	
Article 22 .....	6,000.00	
Article 24 .....	10,000.00	
Article 25 .....	3,400.00	
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		\$59,763.00
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Total to be raised and appropriated:		\$823,871.76

## TRANSFERS

Article 3 .....	\$ 2,500.00	
Article 4 .....	15,000.00	
Article 8 .....	555.45	
Article 11 .....	37,100.00	
Article 27 .....	3,390.00	
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Total Transfers:		\$58,545.45



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 14, 1966**

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on Tuesday, June 14, 1966 at 8:00 P.M. for a Special Town Meeting. After a few moments of silent prayer, William J. Greenler, Jr., moderator, opened the business meeting.

Article 1. Voted to pass over.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$502.50 received as State Aid for libraries in this town, for the use of the public libraries in this town, to be expended by the Town Library Trustees.

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be paid to the City of Haverhill for the use of the jail.

✓ Article 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Earle and Avis Blake for the sum of \$100.00 a strip of land seven feet wide from the back of the bulkhead of Lincoln Hall to the rear line of the town property adjoining the Blake property, and to grant for \$1.00 an option to buy said land for a period not exceeding one year.

✓ Article 5. Voted to convey or release the town's interest, if any, in the "School House Lot," so called, to A. Gordon Price for the sum of \$1.00; and to authorize the selectmen to execute a proper instrument for that purpose.

✓ Article 6. Voted to convey to the Boy Scouts Inc. an area of land to the north and northeast of their present land, being a portion of the land conveyed by the Boxford Boy Scouts Inc. to the town (see Book 5162, page 498) and shown as part of lot C on Crawford Plan, book 78 plan 5, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute a proper deed of conveyance for the sum of one dollar; so that the Boy Scout land shall total approximately fourteen acres, the northerly bound to start at a stake by the land of Cole about 639 feet north of land of Atherton and follow a line and course North 53 degrees thirty-five minutes west (magnetic), marked by several stakes in a straight line, about 800 ft. to Spring Brook.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for the purpose indicated, in addition to the sums voted at the annual town meeting: Vacation — \$1200.00; Sick Benefit — \$400.00; Dog Officer — \$100.00; Treasurer — \$500.00; Snow Removal — \$5000.00; Tree Warden — \$500.00; Selectmen's Contingent Fund — \$400.00.

Article 8. Attorney Edgar Kelley explained the State Liquor Laws and their effect on the Town of Boxford if the town voted to allow the sale of liquors at the special election on June 20, 1966.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P.M. with sixty voters present.

A true record.

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 29, 1966**

The voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on Thursday, December 29, 1966 for a Special Town Meeting. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept Hollow Tree Road in the Ardon Farm Development.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$5,500.00 for land taking for highway purposes, such taking to be pursuant to a layout of Middleton Road as made by County Engineers, said payment not to exceed a rate of five and one half cents per square foot.

Article 3. Voted to make the following transfers of funds: \$79.12 from Memorial Day to the Appeal Board; \$500.00 from Public Welfare to Snow Removal and Sanding; \$1,000.00 from Public Welfare to Police; and \$1,000.00 from Insurance to Police.

Article 4. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from Road Machinery Fund to Road Machinery Maintenance.

✓ Article 5. Voted that sum of \$2000 to be received under the provisions of Section (gg) of Article III of the Mary Stacy Holmes Trust 1952 be designated as the Mary Stacy Holmes Libray Fund, said fund to be administered and used solely at the discretion of the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library for general Library purposes.

Article 6. Voted to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk



**BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1966 IN BOXFORD**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>1965</b>		
Oct. 10 —	Deborah Ann Twiss	Chester K. Twiss Sandra A. Hooper
Oct. 12 —	Steven Winslow McGarr	David Edward McGarr Norma Elizabeth Winslow
Nov. 1 —	Gretchen Simpson	Davis Simpson Gretchen Scullin
Dec. 3 —	Amy Bartlett Dow	Robert R. Dow Elaine E. Erskine
Dec. 6 —	Amy Elizabeth Hill	David C. Hill Cynthia Ames
<b>1966</b>		
Jan. 15 —	David Edward Repetto	Robert G. Repetto Mary Ciaramitaro
Feb. 9 —	Douglas Charles King	Robert Maurice King Sallyann Sheppard
Feb. 16 —	Christopher Scott Gillen	James C. Gillen Claire A. Corbett
Feb. 24 —	Jessica Lynne LeBlanc	Alfred Joseph LeBlanc Audrey Dorothy Mowrey
Mar. 18 —	Sheryl Lee Pratt	Richard William Pratt Bonnie Lee Bent
Mar. 31 —	Alexander Joseph Neumann-Loreck	Hans J. Neumann-Loreck Regina Jadkowski
Mar. 31 —	Nancy Ann Coughlin	James Charles Coughlin Ruth Dorothy French
Apr. 7 —	Jonathan Robert Long	Henry Thomas Long Elizabeth Arntzen
Apr. 13 —	Benjamin Tanner Doggett	Lewis Carpenter Doggett Anne Patrick Major
Apr. 15 —	Sarah Brewsker Cushman	Robert Lincoln Cushman Sibyl Louisa Irvine

Apr. 18 — Dana David Post	David Farmery Post
	Dorothea C. Rademaker
Apr. 19 — Paul Ryan Barous	Francis A. Barous
	Carmen L. Dumond
Apr. 28 — Timothy Eric Nangle	Leonard J. Nangle
	Gloria B. Richer
May 16 — David Alerson Noyes	Alerson Elmer Noyes
	Katherine Irene Gamble
May 16 — Christine Margaret Facella	Samuel Facella
	Joan Breen
June 5 — Tyson	Donald Tyson
	Carol Pratt
June 10 — Meredith Jane Winde	Lawrence Frederick Winde
	Jane Ann Hollis
June 10 — Lee Rollins Richardson	
	Harold Kenneth Richardson, Jr.
	Anne Leslie Perkins
June 27 — John Bradford Buell	Robert C. Buell
	Evelyn J. Wetmore
June 27 — Christopher Paul Geggis	David P. Geggis
	Marie C. Yeager
July 4 — Sarah Bowditch Fraser	Allen Fraser
	Barbara May Bumpus
July 5 — Tracey Ann Scollard	Cornelius Scollard
	Alfreida M. Caron
July 8 — Joseph Michael Pageau	Joseph Arthur Pageau
	Alverna Mary Zukas
Aug. 7 — Joel Thomson Ingalls	David P. Ingalls
	Beverly Watt
Aug. 8 — Mark Robert Manning	Robert A. Manning
	Sally Ann Waters
Aug. 18 — James Edward Cabral	Edward James Cabral
	Joan Marie Killam
Sept. 7 — Andrea Louise Bugbee	Bruce Alan Bugbee
	Anne G. Harriss
Sept. 9 — Edward William Steen	Ernest W. Steen
	Carol J. Astramskas

Sept. 10 —	Tiffany Taylor McGarr	Stephen James McGarr
		Diane Dennis Taylor
Sept. 19 —	David Andrew Cronin	John D. Cronin
		Barbara May Elliott
Sept. 19 —	Joseph Erie LaPlante	Richard Eugene LaPlante
		Eleanor Astrea Swanson
Oct. 1 —	Julie Ann Richardson	Paul E. Richardson
		Cheryl A. Boardman
Oct. 10 —	Elizabeth Ann Troop	Stuart A. Troop
		Alice V. Lovell

### MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1966

Date	Names	Residence
Jan. 20 —	Robert L. Green	Boxford
	Diana Cotts	Somerville
Jan. 28 —	Philip James Wilichoski	Middleton
	Janice Mary Molin	Boxford
Feb. 12 —	Paul Edward Richardson	Boxford
	Cheryl A. Boardman	Middleton
Mar. 2 —	Leonard Maxwell	Wilmington
	Marion Landry Wilder	Boxford
May 2 —	John A. Lynch	Barstable
	Carol Ann Ring	Boxford
June 11 —	James Robert Getchell	Boxford
	Claudia Fay Landergren	Beverly
June 18 —	William Dunlop Perkins	Concord, N.H.
	Jane Elizabeth McGarr	Boxford
June 18 —	Ralph Pingry Schott	Boxford
	Maryanne Miller	Danvers
June 25 —	Robert Van Dyke Cecill	Boxford
	Elizabeth Ladd	Winchester, N.H.
July 17 —	Robert P. Drouin	Lawrence
	Joan K. Smith	Boxford
July 30 —	Richard P. Sibley, Jr.	Boxford
	Janet L. Cann	Melrose

Aug. 20 —	Jack W. McNutt	Elizabeth City, N.C.
	Dorothy May Earle	Boxford
Oct. 1 —	George Robert Wood	Boxford
	Jean Ann Hanagan	Marlboro
Oct. 8 —	John Bradford Sibley	Boxford
	Patricia Ann McCall	Newburyport
Oct. 9 —	Thomas R. Hall	Topsfield
	Eileen Linda Berube	Boxford
Oct. 15 —	James Michael Ross	Seaford, N.Y.
	Linda Margaret Crosby	Boxford
Nov. 19 —	David George Kousky	Boxford
	Deborah Christiansen	Salem

## DEATHS RECORDED IN 1966

Date	Name	Age		
1965				
		Yr.	Mo.	Days
Dec. 14 —	Mary MacKay (Matheson)	63	8	25
1966				
Jan. 28 —	Marvin L. Lawrence	42	7	5
Feb. 21 —	Maurice G. Hatt	80	10	9
Feb. 26 —	Cornelia Poirier	79	10	13
Mar. 3 —	Helen Somerville	94	2	24
Mar. 22 —	Archibald Peabody	76	7	16
Apr. 13 —	Norman Leland Brown	55		
Apr. 16 —	Louis Valentino	44	7	29
Apr. 17 —	Gilbert Royce Knight	41	4	20
May 9 —	John Frank Noyes	78	10	16
June 6 —	Mary J. (Carter) Dunn	97	0	1
June 16 —	Bessie E. Pitman	84	2	2
July 25 —	Franklin Campbell Roberts, Jr.	44	10	21
July 28 —	Frank M. Gould	80	5	17
Aug. 22 —	John S. Williams	62	1	9
Aug. 23 —	Betty Lee Bartlett	19	3	28
Oct. 30 —	Priscilla (Cressy) Parker	69	0	8
Nov. 23 —	Geraldine (Berry) Moore	91	11	26
Nov. 24 —	Adah (Sanderson) Rollins	81	0	4



**DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1966**

167 Males	@ \$ 2.00	\$334.00
33 Females	@ 5.00	165.00
127 Spays	@ 2.00	254.00
5 Kennels	@ 10.00	50.00
3 Kennels	@ 25.00	75.00
1 Kennel	@ 50.00	50.00
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Total Received		\$928.00
Fees — Town Clerk		84.00
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Remitted to Town Treasurer		\$844.00

**FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1966**

86 Resident Fishing Licenses	@ \$ 5.25	\$451.50
60 Resident Hunting Licenses	@ 5.25	315.00
17 Resident Sporting Licenses	@ 8.25	140.25
11 Minor Fishing Licenses	@ 3.25	35.75
12 Female Fishing Licenses	@ 4.25	51.00
1 Fishing License (Spec.)	@ 5.25	5.25
7 Non-Resident Fishing Licenses	@ 9.75	68.25
1 Non-Resident Hunting License	@ 16.25	16.25
1 Deer Stamp	@ 1.10	1.10
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Total Received		\$1,084.35
Fees — Town Clerk		48.85
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To Fish & Game Department		\$1,035.50

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In 1966 the Board continued to adjust local real estate and personal property values in an effort to keep assessments in line with current values. Relatively few complaints were received from taxpayers whose property values were adjusted.

The town mapping project has now reached the stage where most of the parcels of land on which a survey is known to exist have been plotted. The difficult task of tying in all parcels has begun. Some assistance is expected regarding farms and open areas from the conservation officials of the County.

Despite the publicity regarding the Massachusetts Sales Tax, the Town received less in the way of funds from the State in 1966 than it did in 1965. This was true even though the Sales Tax Act provided that cities and towns were to receive 115 per cent of 1965 funds. In an effort to obtain equitable treatment for the Town, the Board filed a bill with the Legislature to provide for additional appropriations in 1967 to make possible a late payment of the funds due to the Town.

The Board has received many tax bills through the mail with no accompanying letter or form. It would be appreciated if taxpayers would take the time to write a letter of explanation so that the Board will have a record of the matter.

The Board has adopted new policies already in use in many other municipalities in connection with applications for abatement. All taxes should be paid on or before the date the application is filed with the assessors. Also, no applications will be allowed if they are not timely filed. Applications for abatement of real or personal property taxes must be filed no later than October 1 of the year to which the tax relates. On bills mailed after September 1, the application for abatement must be filed on or before the thirtieth day after the bill was sent.

In reviewing new construction, the Board has noted a substantial decrease in new home construction during the year 1966. The affects of this may be felt in 1967 as well. The additional assessed value and broadened tax base is not expected to be as great in 1967 as has been the case in the last two or three years.

Because of many requests we are publishing both the Recapitulation Sheet and the Table of Aggregates with this year's report.

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES

	Indiv.	All Others	Total
Number of Persons Assessed			
On Personal Estate Only	14	9	23
On Real Estate Only	840	41	881
On Both Personal and Real Estate	209	2	211
Total Number of Persons Assessed			<hr/> 1,115
Value of Assessed Personal Estate			
Stock in Trade		\$6,425.00	
Machinery		1,100.00	
Live Stock		9,654.50	
All Other Tangible Personal Property		562,190.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate			<hr/> \$579,369.50
Value of Assessed Real Estate			
Land exclusive of Buildings		\$793,032.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land		5,729,790.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate			<hr/> \$6,522,822.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate			<hr/> \$7,102,191.50
Tax Rate per \$1,000 = \$94.00			
Taxes for State, County, and Town Purposes, Including Overlay			
On Personal Estate		\$54,460.73	
On Real Estate		613,145.27	
Total Taxes Assessed			<hr/> \$667,606.00

## Number of Livestock Estimated:

	General	Farm Animals Assessed \$5 Excise
Horses (1 year old, or over)	65	
Neat Cattle: (1 year old, or over)		
Cows (Milch)	1	76
Bulls, Oxen, Yearlings	3	
Swine (6 months old, or over)	4	90
Sheep (6 months old, or over)	32	9
Fowl	299	3,206
All Other	12	
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,133	
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	877	

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
 CHESTER K. TWISS  
 J. WARREN CHADWICK  
 HARRY L. COLE

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Boxford

**1966 RECAPITULATION**

TOWN: (Total Appropriations Voted Since

1965 Tax Rate was Fixed)

Total appropriations to be raised  
 by taxation

\$831,971.76

Total appropriations voted to be  
 taken from available funds

59,047.95

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 \$891,019.71



Any other amount required to be raised:

Library Aid	\$502.50
School Lunch	7,232.07

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\$7,734.57

County Retirement	8,165.54
Veterans' District	171.74

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\$16,071.85

STATE: Tax and Assessments

	1966 Estimates	1965 Under- estimates
State Parks and Reservations	\$1,778.20	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,706.28	
Mosquito Control	2,960.91	\$2,111.05
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	309.00	
	<hr/> \$6,754.39	<hr/> \$2,111.05

\$8,865.44

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

County Tax	\$14,180.56
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14,180.56

OVERLAY of current year

32,437.39

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

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\$962,574.95

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$80,000.00
Licenses	4,500.00
Fines	475.00
General Government	500.00
Interest	2,500.00
Cherry Sheet	147,215.58

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Total Estimated Receipts \$235,190.58

Overestimates of previous years to be used  
as available funds

County Tax	\$613.47
State Parks	116.95

Amounts voted to be taken from  
available funds

Library Aid	6/14/66	\$502.50
Road Machinery	3/ 7/66	2,500.00
Overlay Reserve	3/ 7/66	15,000.00
Dog Tax	3/ 7/66	555.45
Free Cash	3/ 7/66	37,100.00
Chapter 679	3/ 7/66	3,390.00

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59,047.95

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Total Available Funds \$59,778.37

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds 294,968.95

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**Net Amount to be Raised by**

**Taxation on Property** \$667,606.00

Total Personal Property \$579,369.50

Valuation: Real Estate 6,522,822.00

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Total \$7,102,191.50

Tax Rate Personal Property Tax \$54,460.73

\$94.00 Real Estate Tax 613,145.27

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**Total Taxes Levied on Property** \$667,606.00

Items not entering into the determination of the tax rate

Classified Forest Land \$38.54

Tax Rate fixed on July 26, 1966

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
CHESTER K. TWISS  
J. WARREN CHADWICK  
HARRY L. COLE

**REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES****TAXES — 1959**

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1966	\$4.38	
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1966		\$4.38
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	\$4.38	\$4.38

**TAXES — 1960**

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1966	\$10.34	
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1966		\$10.34
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	\$10.34	\$10.34

**TAXES — 1961**

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1966	\$22.09	
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1966		\$22.09
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	\$22.09	\$22.09

**TAXES — 1962**

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1966	\$377.24	
Interest collected	5.40	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		\$50.50
Interest		5.40
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1966		326.74
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	\$382.64	\$382.64

**TAXES — 1963**

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1966	\$1,064.53
Interest collected	48.16
Motor Vehicle Excise	97.35
Real Estate	40.40

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## Taxes collected:

Personal Property		\$40.40
Real Estate		485.31
Real Estate Abatement		393.90
Motor Vehicle		97.35
Interest		48.16
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1966		185.32
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	\$1,250.44	\$1,250.44

## TAXES — 1964

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1966	\$3,007.07
Interest collected	96.21
Excise Refunds	19.80

## Taxes collected:

Personal Property	\$9.00
Real Estate	1,515.25
Motor Vehicle	325.96
Interest	96.21

## Abatements:

Real Estate	390.00
Personal	90.00
Motor Vehicles	65.36
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1966	631.30
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	\$3,123.08
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	\$3,123.08

## TAXES — 1965

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1966	\$51,267.14
Interest collected	586.88
Motor Vehicle Refunds	1,241.66
Motor Vehicle Commitment	8,576.52

## Taxes collected:

Personal Property	\$1,494.48
Real Estate	30,709.74
Motor Vehicle Excise	13,960.98
Farm Animal Excise	5.69
Interest	586.88



Abatements:		
Motor Vehicles		2,263.43
Real Estate		537.60
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1966		12,113.40
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	\$61,672.20	\$61,672.20

## TAXES — 1966

Real Estate Commitments	\$614,416.15	
Personal Property Commitment	54,460.73	
Classified Forest Land	38.54	
Farm Animal Excise	203.44	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	101,904.93	
Real Estate Refunds	1,505.88	
Personal Property Refunds	21.15	
Motor Vehicle Refunds	1,863.22	
Interest Collected	296.46	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$551,336.46
Personal Property		50,888.73
Classified Forest Land		38.54
Motor Vehicle Excise		81,121.52
Farm Animal Excise		94.50
Interest		296.46
Abatements:		
Real Estate		15,502.16
Personal Property		305.50
Motor Vehicle Excise		5,795.30
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1966		69,331.33
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	\$774,710.50	\$774,710.50

## RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	\$584,097.26
Personal Property	52,432.61
Classified Forest Land	38.54

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Farm Animal Excise	100.19
Motor Vehicle Excise	95,421.66
Interest	992.33
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	\$733,082.59

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. SMALLMAN,

Collector

**BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY****TRUSTEES**

Term expires 1967:

Richard P. Chadwick  
Winthrop P. Haynes  
Rev. Arthur F. White

Term expires 1968:

John F. G. Eichen  
Milton E. Lord  
Mrs. Virginia B. Waters

Term expires 1969:

Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.  
Mrs. Rosamond I. Price  
Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas

Mrs. Warren W. Schaalman, Town Librarian

The Boxford Town Library was established at a special Town Meeting on December 17, 1965. Its first Board of Trustees was elected on March 8, 1966 and held an organization meeting on March 18th at which Milton E. Lord was elected Chairman, Mrs. Rosamond I. Price Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas Secretary. By-laws were adopted and standing committees established to undertake the legal, financial and procedural problems entailed in creating a unified library system for the Town. During the first months efforts were continued to recruit a professional librarian and extensive weeding and improvement of the collections were carried on, using funds made available by the private libraries as well as Town funds. Agreements were entered into with each of the private libraries for rental of their buildings and collections for the sum of one dollar per year.

Early in September, Mrs. Warren Schaalman assumed her duties as Boxford's first Town Librarian. Under her direction, uniform procedures have been established at the two library buildings so that books may be borrowed or reserved at either library; hours have been extended, and starting at the first of the year will total 30 hours per week, with 42 hours of service the objective for September. Wide use is being made of the Regional Bookmobile and of the evolving Regional Public Library System, through which reference books, foreign

language books, or other materials not usually kept by small libraries may be borrowed. Groundwork has been laid for supervision of the grade school libraries by the Town Library with a view to improving and extending library service at the Cole and Spofford Pond schools, the Program to start in January.

The libraries continue to benefit from the generosity of many friends who have contributed time, books and furnishings to the libraries. Proceeds of the Couples Club's Spring Dance were given to the Town Library and the fund is to be used for special needs. The interest and participation of Boxford's residents is much needed and warmly appreciated. The first year's efforts to increase the usefulness of our libraries have resulted in greatly increased circulation and far more reference use by students. It is hoped that next year's plans will further extend the scope and quality of Boxford's library service.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON E. LORD,  
Chairman



**REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER**

(From April 26, 1966 to February 15, 1967)

33 dogs were picked up, alive

20 dogs were placed in new homes

9 dogs were claimed by their owners

4 dogs were destroyed for various reasons

The above information does not include the many unlicensed dogs that were killed by cars on various roads throughout Boxford.

Too many licensed dogs do not wear their tags, which makes the task of identifying them impossible should they be lost or injured. All dogs must be licensed and wearing their tags as of April of each year. This law will be more strictly enforced in 1967.

Any persons looking for lost dogs should contact each dog officer in every town bordering Boxford, in addition to the Boxford dog officer, leaving a description of the animal and the owner's telephone number. Do not forget to recall these dog officers when the dog is found, thus simplifying their lost dog list.

Persons wishing to buy unclaimed dogs may do so after 10 days, for \$3.00 by calling the kennel.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. HUGHES,

Dog Officer

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Aid under General Relief amounted to \$32.00 for the year 1966, which speaks very well for the prosperity of the town.

All other categories of aid, including the newly established Medicaid, are administered from the Central Essex Welfare District office located in Middleton Square, Middleton — telephone 774 1609.

In February Mrs. Phyllis Brown, director, Central Essex Welfare District announced her resignation to take effect April 1st. She was taking a new position at the Salem Hospital. Mr. Leo Jeghalian was selected to fill the position as director.

On April 11th a testimonial to Mrs. Brown took place at the Towne Lyne House, Lynnfield.

In 1966 Chapter 340 increased from \$4,700 to \$6,000 the amount a child may earn before any contribution toward the support of a parent is required.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE

JOHN EVANS

CLAYTON B. LARRABEE

Board of Public Welfare

### REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR FOR 1966

11 Permits issued	Art. 4, Sec. 1
8 Permits issued	Art. 4, Sec. 2 & 3
5 Permits issued	Art. 4, Sec. 2
1 Re-inspection	Art. 4, Sec. 4

\$2.50 carried over from 1965.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER W. STARRETT,

Gas Inspector

### REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

New Homes	42	Value	\$999,500.00
Additions and Alterations	18	Value	22,199.00
Miscellaneous	6	Value	5,035.00
Church Addition	1	Value	167,000.00
Country Club	1	Value	35,000.00
Pool	1	Value	3,900.00
Gravel Permit	1		

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,

Building Inspector

### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING FOR THE YEAR 1966

EXAMINED			CONDEMNED		
Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
88	129	122		None	

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL E. LAWES,  
Inspector of Slaughtering

### REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR FOR 1966

Permits	134
Inspections	303
Receipts — Electrical Permits Jan 1 - Dec. 31	\$1,773.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,  
Wire Inspector

### REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Board of Health  
Town Hall  
Boxford, Mass.  
Dear Sirs:

A new State Plumbing Code went into effect August 15, 1966. No difficulties occurred. 71 permits were issued.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD R. GALLOWAY,  
Plumbing Inspector

### REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Spraying was done in the town for Dutch Elm this year with a new spray called Methoxycylor, which is a non-toxic spray.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. HEBB,  
Moth Superintendent

**REPORT OF TREE WARDEN**

Clearing and trimming of trees has been carried out in town. The amount of trees removed this year on the road sides were:

14 Maple

6 Oak

Also a smaller amount of other types of trees were removed.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. HEBB,  
Tree Warden

**REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

Thirty-two Diseased Elm Trees were removed and burned this year. The amount of \$700.00 worth of work was donated by the State Tree Crew which comes every year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. HEBB,  
Moth Superintendent

**REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

On January 14, 1966 the Conservation Commission held a meeting with representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service. The Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Finance Committee and Water Resources Board were represented at the meeting, and soon after the Conservation Commission authorized a soil survey of the Town, the reports to include information on drainage, water table, and other features of the terrain, and ten interpretive maps showing areas particularly suited for special purposes such as recreation, well fields, school, woodland, agriculture, etc. Field work was completed in 1966 and the report is expected in the spring of 1967. It is expected that the maps and analyses will be of value to many groups in long-range planning in the community.

The Commission maintained membership in the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, Ipswich River Watershed Council, and Parker River Watershed Council, and attended numerous meetings on such subjects as cluster housing, Essex County mosquito control, availability of State and Federal aid, etc. Within the community several small problems required attention and were dealt with or referred to the appropriate Town officials. Commission members attended hearings and Planning Board meetings where conservation matters were involved.

Of major importance during the year were investigations of gravel pit operations in Boxford. All Commission members viewed the sites, in some cases several times, prepared and transmitted reports either to the Board of Appeals or to the Building Inspector in cases where violations of conditions were found.

Boxford is fortunate not only in the nature of its countryside but also in having by-laws already in existence to protect areas necessary to the prevention of flooding, water contamination, excessive run-off, and other problems that beset some similar communities. We are also fortunate in having residents who were drawn to the town by its natural features and who therefore subscribe to conservancy principles. As the demand for land increases in our community, so does the obligation of the Conservation Commission, Town officials, and individuals to try to assure the wisest possible use of the land to protect our natural resources.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART K. HARRIS, Chairman

EDWARD L. FRENCH

ROSAMOND I. PRICE

CATHERINE T. THOMAS

DOROTHY L. WOODBURY

Boxford Conservation Commission



**REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To the Citizens of Boxford:

The following is a report of the Police Department and the activities for the year 1966.

Motorist Assisted	46	Summons and Arrests	
Complaints and		by State Police	35
Investigations	427	Ambulance Calls	69
House, Camp Breaks	35	Pistol Permits	32
Attempted Breaks	3	Property Checks	1,674
Accidents	44	Stolen Cars	3
Summons Served	197	Missing Persons	13
Hit and Run	1	Stolen Cars Recovered	5
Arrests	18	Police Assistance	
Drownings	1	(other departments)	40
Lewd and Lascivious	2	Court Appearances	46
Fatal Accidents	3		

As in the past, the Police Department has conducted numerous other unclassified investigations and complaints not listed but satisfactorily settled to all concerned.

Police activity continues to increase each year and along with it brings increased demands and responsibilities on myself and the other members of the department. I have recommended that two full-time officers be added to the force.

The department appreciates information about any person or persons acting suspiciously or doing damage to property. A registration number is extremely helpful. And promptness is an important key to apprehension. Your name will be held in strict confidence.

Residents are still asked to notify the police when leaving for an extended period of time or going on vacation. Neighbors should also be alerted to absences and asked to check property. Housechecks often number close to 100. Suspicious phone calls should be reported immediately.

In March I was appointed the full-time Chief of Police and during the year David French and William Stone became part-

time officers and Richard Cunningham was appointed a reserve.

The police department was the recipient of several gifts from local citizens. David S. Waters of Cross Rd donated a resuscitator and Mr. Harold "Jack" Johnson of Elm Street and Mr. John Marsh of Topsfield Road donated an electronic siren and public address system. These gifts were immediately put to use in the new 1966 Oldsmobile cruiser-ambulance purchased by the Town this past summer.

This Fall the Haverhill Savings Bank sponsored a booklet entitled "Guardians of Your Property and Welfare." The booklets were delivered to each home in Boxford by the local Boy Scout troops under police department supervision. Copies are available to new residents.

Early in 1966 the department held a training program with instructors from the FBI. During the Spring I attended a six-weeks intensive training course for police officers at the State Police Academy in Framingham. I have also continued to attend law enforcement classes at Northeastern University. Training and instruction will continue in 1967.

I wish to thank the personnel of my department, the townspeople, the Selectmen, the various town departments, the State Police and the police departments from surrounding communities for their cooperation and assistance during the year.

For the information of new residents, the police department number is 887-2712. This is also the EMERGENCY BLUE LINE NETWORK of 5 telephones.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. WARREN,

Chief of Police

**REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

During 1966 Boxford did not experience the drastic slow-down in housing from tight mortgage money, because the high income market was not so restricted.

Evidence of this continued growth took the form of 11 regular meetings and public hearings and receipt of six new subdivision plans, two of which were approved creating 29 lots.

Decisions on two subdivisions were delayed pending additional definition by the developers of Conservancy District land within the subdivision.

Five special meetings were held which involved the following subjects: consultation with the Recreation Commission on the new ball field and related recreational planning; legislative proposals affecting planning; and preparation of Planning Board reports on applications filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals for special permits and variances.

The Board is interested in co-operating with the Historical Society in the establishment of historic districts preserving the villages before it is too late, a step which would help deter future land takings for highway purposes.

Related to this effort is a desire on the part of board members to start immediate planning for municipal buildings in a central location to be built in stages and bring an end to the wasteful practice of constructing so-called temporary additions to existing town buildings in the village, a course which could seriously damage aesthetic appeal of this area and offers no solution to a problem growing more acute each day.

CHARLES L. COTTON, Chairman  
DAVID L. PITT, Clerk  
CHARLES P. A. NELSON  
WILLIAM E. DORMAN  
J. WARREN CHADWICK  
WARREN R. GODFREY  
E. LAURENCE COLBY

## REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following services were performed by this Department during 1966:

Discharge (certified copy)	15
Discharge (recorded)	24
Photostats	375
Aid & Attendance Allowance	7
Education	22
Loan Guaranty	12
Statement of disability for tax abatement	14
Annual Income Report	94
Compensation	12
Pension	28
Burial Allowance	22
Medical & Dental	35
Hospitalization	13
Outpatient Treatment	10
Insurance	15
Power of Attorney	48
Miscellaneous	125

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,  
District Director

## REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

	N. Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance Carried Over From 1965	\$25.69	\$5.98	\$31.67
Appropriated in 1966, Section 11			
Chapter 660, Acts of 1963	1,088.26	171.74	1,260.00
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	\$1,113.95	\$177.72	\$1,291.67
Expended to December 31, 1966	1,100.87	173.73	1,274.60
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Balance, December 31, 1966	\$ 13.08	\$ 3.99	\$ 17.07

(A) Basis for Apportionment Chapter 660, Acts of 1963

An Act establishing the basis for apportionment  
of State and County Taxes

North Andover	\$26,718.00	.3637 per cent
Boxford	4,216.00	.1363 per cent

District Department of Veterans Service

JAMES J. MAKER, District Treasurer

### REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD

#### DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	\$1,200.00
New England Telephone (Services)	59.60
Veterans Information (G. Spilman, Director)	9.00
Thomas J. McGrail (District Treas. Bond)	6.00

Total

\$1,274.60

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

Agent

### REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Boxford Fire Department respectfully submits the following report for 1966.

Total Runs Made			
Buildings	13	False	14
Brush	23	Electrical	
Ambulance	34	Appliances	3
Grass	19	Mutual Aid	1
Dump	7	Gas Spill	3
Car Fires	13	Drowning	1
Car Accidents	3	Chimney	1

Improvements in both stations have progressed during the year. The facilities in the West station are nearly completed and all that remains to be done in the East station is to finish the flooring and painting. The fire escape has been installed on the front of the East station.



In the month of March, the resignation of C. Richard Cunningham as Fire Chief was accepted by the Selectmen and Charles E. Killam was appointed Chief.

During National Fire Prevention Week in October, "open house" was observed at each station and at Christmas, a tree spraying program was conducted.

The new communications system has been installed and is working quite satisfactorily, thanks to the co-operation of the red-line operators. One milestone past this year, was the unifying of the red phone system to one number. The number to be called for the entire town is

TO REPORT A FIRE:	West	887-2727
	East	7-2727

Permits for outdoor fires, other than in approved incinerators, are required and may be obtained from any of the following red line operators:

Mrs. Robert P. Parkhurst	Mrs. George A. Gould
Ipswich Road	Topsfield Road
Mrs. Peter Perkins	Mrs. C. Richard Cunningham
Main Street	Ipswich Road

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to the various department heads who have assisted me throughout the year and to give special thanks to the officers and men of the department who have given so generously of their time to make this a good year. Not only have these men spent countless hours maintaining the equipment and stations, but they have spent considerable time attending schools and educating themselves to be better firemen for the town.

"If Prometheus was worthy of the wealth of Heaven for kindling the first fire upon earth, how ought all the Gods to honor the men who make it their business to put it out."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. KILLAM,  
Chief of Fire Department

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The year of 1966 found this committee devoting the majority of its time to planning. Following the annual town meeting in March wherein funds were voted for recreational planning, the committee interviewed several candidates for the position of recreational planner. In May, Mr. Sidney Shurcliff was selected.

Meetings were held with Mr. Shurcliff, members of the Planning Board, the Finance Committee, the Selectmen and the Boxford Athletic Association. With the cooperation of the Planning Board, Mr. Shurcliff filed a proposal for matching federal funds. However, in November of this year, the committee was advised that no funds would be forthcoming.

Meetings were also held with the Fourth of July Committee and the Town Water Committee.

During the summer months, the committee cooperated with the Selectmen in providing specifications, drawings and an engineering survey of a specific site at Boy Scout Park designated for a ball field. This site had been selected during preliminary planning meetings with Mr. Shurcliff.

The committee regretfully accepted the resignations of Mr. David Doughty and Mr. William Davis. Mr. Doughty had served on the committee since its inauguration in 1961 and Mr. Davis had served since 1962.

In November, Mr. John Hudson was appointed to finish out Mr. Davis' term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY MacGILL, Chairman

MARION COLBY, Secretary

GORDON PRICE, Treasurer

JOHN HUDSON

**REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

During the past year changes were accomplished in Radio Communications of the Public Safety Departments.

The Police now have their own transmitting facilities and can maintain contact with the cruiser within the town and

surrounding area. Remote control units are also installed in the home of Blue Line operators.

The Fire Department now has the capability of operating on the Mutual Aid Network or on their own frequency for local communications. Members of the department can be alerted in any emergency through the receivers located in their homes.

All Base Station transmitters and receivers are capable of operating on emergency power.

Monthly drills to test communication facilities were held with Sector 1E (one E) Headquarters located in Lawrence.

The cooperation of department heads, Selectmen, and members of the Finance Committee is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. RUSSELL,

Director

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The communicable diseases and dog bite cases were reported to the Board of Health during the year 1966 as follows:

Diseases	No. of Cases
Scarlet Fever	1
Mumps	6
Menengitis	1
Animal Bite	6
Licenses for the year were granted as follows:	
Recreational Camps	6
Slaughter	1
Milk Dealers	12
Ice Cream Manufacturer	1
Oleo	1

Apparently the measles clinics held in 1965 and 1966 have already been effective as not one case of measles was reported to us in 1966. However, it is planned to hold another measles clinic in the spring.

On October 28, 1966 an X-Ray clinic for tuberculosis was held at the Town Hall by the Essex County Health Association. 302 people were X-Rayed and only 8 from Boxford had to report for a second X-Ray.

The annual rabies clinic for dogs was held at the Town Hall on May 4, 1966. 111 dogs were inoculated, one more than the previous year.

All Summer camps were inspected for proper health regulations. Water for both swimming and drinking was tested and found to be safe.

A mosquito trap was presented to the Town by Mr. George Hill. This was installed at the Dump with satisfactory results.

A new burial trench for dead animals was dug at the Dump and in November a new sludge pit was made to receive the residue pumped out of septic tanks and cesspools in Boxford.

In conclusion may we ask that your continued cooperation be received to keep the Dump in reasonable condition.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MADDOCK, M.D.

CHARLES H. PINKHAM, II

HARRY L. COLE

## **REPORT OF THE SANITARY ENGINEER**

Honorable Board of Health  
Town Hall  
Boxford, Massachusetts 01921  
Gentlemen:

This is my report for the year 1966:

I completed 62 final inspections of sewage disposal systems at new locations. As far as possible, it was assured that the wells in the areas would not be polluted by the new sources of contamination. Four repair and alteration systems were inspected.

Seven samples of drinking water from semi-public wells were obtained; they were found to be satisfactory. Also, four-



teen samples of swimming and brook waters were tested and found to be free of dangerous contamination.

I inspected all recreational camps at least once, and some were inspected twice. Samples of their swimming areas are included in the above totals.

Several inspections and conferences were conducted. This work had to do with food serving establishments, water supplies, surface drainage, soil parasites, complaints and inquiries.

Very truly yours,

TRACY I. FLAGG, P.E., R.S.

Sanitary Engineer

#### REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Old Age Assistance	7
Medical Assistance	20
Disability Assistance	2
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	1

The number of cases in Boxford increased by thirteen in 1966 over the count of 1965. This can be explained partially by the fact that many welfare recipients are now effectively being provided for under two separate programs. Their montly cash grants are made via one program — either Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, their medical expenses paid through another, Medical Assistance. As a result of an increased caseload, medical expenses have also increased to \$10,360.00, \$483.14 more than the 1965 total of \$9,687.24.

In addition to a higher number of cases, another important factor contributing to increased medical expenses is the constantly rising cost of medical services. In 1966, hospital and nursing home rates were raised. Fees for specialists and consultants were increased as well as for general practitioners, podiatrists, nursing service and laboratory tests.

Increases in the other welfare programs, Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance and Aid to Families with Dependent Children should also be noted. In March, April and Octo-



ber, monthly budgets were raised to allow for a higher level of subsistence to those in need.

An important new welfare program was initiated in late 1966 which replaced Medical Assistance to the Aged and will allow medical care to many who have, heretofore, been ineligible for other forms of welfare aid. This program is popularly known as "Medicaid." It is a product of the 1965 Federal amendments to the Social Security Act — specifically under the Title XIX amendment. In many ways it is a counterpart of **Medicare** which applies only to those over 65. Title XIX will allow broad medical coverage for those under 65. A family of four, for example, may have a net annual income of \$4,044.00 and still qualify for assistance within certain limits. Since this program is a welfare program, not an insurance program like Medicare, the town contributes 16-2/3% to its cost. Federal financial involvement is 50% — State, 33-1/3%.

The Director wishes to thank the Board of Public Welfare, other town officials and townspeople who were interested and helpful, for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO JEGHELIAN,  
Director

## REPORT OF THE OLD MORSE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Owing to the unusually dry season the completion of the landscaping and planting of shrubs around the memorial stone was postponed. It is planned to complete this work with the remaining funds early in the spring, at which time the West Boxford Improvement Society will take over the maintenance of this memorial site.

This is therefore the final report of the Committee who have carried out the project as originally planned. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the assistance rendered by the many participating organizations.

WINTHROP P. HAYNES, Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE MICROFILM COMMITTEE**

The microfilming accomplished in 1966 included material in Vols. 5-10. Volume 5 covered all Town business 1857-1893. Vols. 6-10 are the records of Town meetings through 1965. There are also two volumes of Assessors' records for the year 1799.

The original microfilms are stored in Security Vaults of the Graphic Microfilm Co. of New England.

The Committee plans to obtain a microfilm reader so that our film copy can be consulted without disturbing the original records in the vault.

WINTHROP P. HAYNES, Chairman  
RUBY F. NASON  
WINNIFRID C. PARKHURST

### **REPORT OF THE BOXFORD WATER AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE FOR 1966**

Through the cooperation of the land owners of Boxford, the Town Water and Drainage Committee investigated potential ground water sources in 12 different locations in the town in 1966. About 70 different holes were drilled during the investigation. Reports on the findings of the testing are being sent to the land owners involved.

This work was done by the D. L. Maher Company of Woburn, Mass., the lowest of three bidders.

The object of the work, as stated at last years town meeting, was to find a ground water source for the East and West Boxford centers. Though it will be years before a transmission system will be built, obviously the closer to the two town centers the supply is, the less money will have to be spent in laying pipe. Accordingly, the first searches were conducted on land presently available close to the centers.

In the West this was the Busby and Budnick properties in the Parker River Valley. Although water was found, the yield was not sufficient for a town supply. Sites further up and down the Parker River were not investigated because of the wishes of other land owners that their land not be tested.

In the East the first explorations were conducted on the Town-owned property, presently used by the Recreation Committee and the Boy Scout Park. The aquifer here proved to be too shallow but the supply will be adequate for those using the area. Also tested at this time were areas close to this location, on the opposite side of Fish Brook. These other areas showed ledge at shallow depths.

The circle widened away from the prime distribution areas in search of a deep bed of coarse, water bearing material which would give the yield necessary for a town supply.

Under the direction of the contractor's geologist, sites were selected in the Lowe Pond area, Four-mile Pond, Stevens Pond, Highland Road, Rowley Road area and the Town Forest locality. In these areas potential sources have been located. Two, one in each end of town, should be investigated further.

Though possible sources for both centers have been located, consultations with the State Health Department, the geologist and the Geodetic Survey indicate that continued borings in immediately adjacent areas may result in supplies that are more economical for the town to develop.

To substantiate these conclusions, the committee hopes that money can be appropriated to continue the services of the present contractor and the Weston Geophysical Group. It is paramount that this work be continued now as the available land shrinks every year. As an example of this a seemingly fine supply was located in the Lowe Pond area, but land taking costs to develop it would be extreme because of the proximity of homes within the area the law requires to protect the site.

The committee wishes to thank the various land owners with whom we have talked this past year, Dr. Winthrop P. Haynes, Miss Barbara Perley, Robert Parkhurst, Sr., and the Selectmen of the town for their help, without which we could not have accomplished the years work.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICIA BAILLY  
BUELL BASSETTE  
WILLIAM CHENEY

CLAYTON NELSON  
DONALD SCUTIERE

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The State acquired possession of the area north of Baldpate Pond, although the Town of Boxford opposed it as a State Park.

The Chief of Police announced that towns may now increase fines for By-law or ordinance violations from \$20.00 to \$50.00.

Clinton E. French, Highway Surveyor, was awarded Certificate as the out-standing public employee for 1965.

Richard Cunningham was appointed a special police officer.

The Annual Town Reports and Masconomet reports were distributed by Post 51 Explorer Scouts.

A permit was issued to Haverhill Gas Company to install gas on Trask Road and later in the year (Sept. and Oct.) service was extended from River Road in Topsfield to Fuller Lane and Middleton Road and proposed sub-divisions off Middleton Road, and Herrick Road.

Much time was consumed in March interviewing applicants for the job of Chief of Police and finally Douglas A. Warren of Topsfield was selected to start work in April.

Gordon Russell was re-appointed Civil Defense Director.

The Little Red School House was rented to Mrs. Charles Bedell for a kindergarten for one year.

In March Chief of the Fire Department C. Richard Cunningham resigned and the Board appointed Charles E. Killam to serve for the remainder of the current year.

On April 1st Frederick B. Monell was re-appointed to the School Building Committee and Louis Vrettos was appointed to replace Dudley Watkins who had resigned.

On April 11 Mrs. Helen L. Benulis was appointed Assistant Treasurer.

Memo of agreement was signed with Department of Public Works for 3000 feet of construction on Middleton Road under Chapter 90.

The Annual Fireman's Banquet was held on April 25th.

In June a new Communications System for Fire and Police was started and has not yet been completed.



In conjunction with the School Committee Webster B. Brockleman was elected to complete the unexpired term of Stuart Haywood.

The Finance Committee met to discuss the Police appropriation.

Bid was received for new Police Cruiser for \$4117.58 with allowance of \$1717.58, net \$2400.00. Price was negotiated down to \$2200.00.

Signed deed for old No. 6 School House lot at corner of Main Street and Lake Shore Road.

Mrs. Shirley MacGill agreed to get specifications for Ball Field authorized at March Town Meeting.

Mosquito Spraying started on June 28th.

On July 4th an exceptionally fine program was carried out by Fire Department and Recreation Committee.

In August Carlyle Thomas was chosen to serve on Finance Committee until 1969 for the unexpired term of Arion Pierce who resigned.

A hearing was duly called and held on Sept. 2 pursuant to Chapter 220, acts of 1965 General Laws, proposed pond off Middleton Road at the Greenways development.

In September after advertising for bids a section of Hot Top on Rt. 133 in West Boxford was awarded Merrimack Paving of Groveland in a bid of \$6.94 per ton.

In November bids were opened for test wells to be drilled and D. L. Maher Co. of Woburn was low bidder, \$7,722.00

Mrs. Mary Eremian was appointed an election officer to replace Grace L. Gray resigned.

On July 5th the Baldpate swimming area was opened for the season.

On August 3rd a meeting of Share Holders of Camelot was held on the grounds, but only a small amount of money was pledged to carry on the operation.

Early in the year we got a reprint of the town map for which we have many calls during the year.

On August 4th the new police cruiser arrived and was immediately put to use.



On August 10th a new antenna was set up behind the Fire House in Boxford Village.

The Ball Park contract was awarded to Wood of Beverly.

The floor in the upper hall of the Town Hall was re-finished in preparation for the dancing school to start in September.

Several sections of road in town received a new coating of oil.

By permission of D.P.W. the speed sign on Topsfield Road in front of the new home of John P. Marsh was moved 50 feet toward Boxford Village.

On November 10 we attended a meeting on the formation of a Vocational Trade School for Haverhill, Newburyport and surrounding towns.

On November 15th at 4:30 P.M. the private libraries were taken over by the Town.

During the year many traffic and warning signs have been placed on various roads as they became necessary.

In November a small improvement on Titus Lane was done in conjunction with donations from the residents.

During December further negotiations were held regarding Camelot and are still pending.

Negotiations for improvement of approach from Kelsey Road at Killam Hill were made with Mr. Leonard Nangle who is willing to donate the necessary land.

Much time and effort were given during December in discussion relative to budgets for 1967. At the December 23rd meeting a group of children were in to sing Christmas Carols and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE, Chairman  
JOHN EVANS

CLAYTON B. LARRABEE  
Board of Selectmen

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT****RECEIPTS FOR 1966**

Frederick A. Smallman, Collector

Taxes, current year:

Real Estate	\$551,336.46	
Personal Property	50,888.73	
	<hr/>	\$602,225.19

Taxes, previous years:

Real Estate	\$32,760.80	
Personal Property	1,543.88	
	<hr/>	\$34,304.68

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1963	\$13.20	
Levy of 1964	325.96	
Levy of 1965	13,960.98	
Levy of 1966	81,121.52	
	<hr/>	\$95,421.66

Classified Forest Land:

Levy of 1966	\$38.54	
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Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1965	\$5.69	
Levy of 1966	94.50	
	<hr/>	\$100.19

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

For Highways:

Chapter 81 Maintenance	\$18,150.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	400.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	20,627.92	
Chapter 679	3,390.00	
	<hr/>	\$42,567.92

For Education:

School Aid, Chapter 69	\$864.00
Youth Service Board	1,350.00
Federal Grants — Title I	4,860.00
Federal Grants — Title III	408.11

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Chapter 70, School Aid	24,873.83	
Aid School Construction	2,050.13	
Education and Transportation	23,640.00	
Vocatioal Education	620.60	
State Aid to Libraries	502.50	
School Aid	23,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$82,169.17

## For Taxes, etc:

Local Aid Fund	\$9,750.00	
Sales Tax — Chapter 70	6,056.45	
Chapter 70	4,965.77	
Loss of Taxes	2,081.80	
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	664.54	
School Lunch Program	7,188.35	
Disabled Veteran Tax Refund	192.00	
Sales Tax Basis	25,788.95	
	<hr/>	\$56,687.86

## For Aid and Relief:

Old Age Assistance	\$3,592.60	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	4,487.50	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,489.00	
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	1,871.00	
Disability Assistance	511.90	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	1,186.00	
Medical Aid for Aged	6,131.06	
Medical Aid for Aged, U. S. Grant	5,409.80	
Veterans' Benefits	3,007.60	
Medical Aid, U. S. Grant	4,393.45	
	<hr/>	\$32,079.91

## County of Essex:

## For Highways:

Chapter 90, Construction	\$10,313.96	
Dog License Refund	555.45	
Dog Board Refund	321.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,190.41

## Trust and Investment Funds:

Interest on School Funds	\$194.25	
J. T. Barker Fund	1,200.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	150.00	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	152.56	
West Parish	130.98	
	<hr/>	\$1,827.79

## Departmental Accounts:

Library	\$15.00	
Fire Department — Ambulance	15.00	
Board of Health	224.00	
Appeal Board	135.00	
School	136.00	
Planning Board	270.00	
Highway	170.00	
	<hr/>	\$965.00

## Licenses and Permits:

Dogs	\$844.00	
Slaughter	25.00	
Building and Sewerage	1,978.21	
Junk	7.00	
Revolver	54.00	
Gas	166.50	
Electrical	1,822.00	
Plumbing	597.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	6.00	
Recreational Camps	2.00	
Lord's Day	.50	
Oleo	.50	
	<hr/>	\$5,507.71

## Agency Accounts:

Tax Sheltered Annuity	\$1,200.00
Life Insurance	281.94
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	3,702.03

County Retirement	4,384.59	
Federal Withholding Deductions	34,248.20	
State Withholding Deductions	4,270.11	
	<hr/>	\$48,086.87

## Unclassified:

Interest on Deposits	\$2,745.28	
Interest on Taxes	992.33	
Land Rent	10.00	
School Lunch Program	18,995.10	
Rent of Town Halls	648.00	
Slaughter Inspection Refund	414.26	
Departmental Refunds	1,112.64	
Pay Station Commission	51.60	
Court Fines	330.00	
Street Lists and Maps	29.22	
Sale of Dogs	36.00	
Community House Rent	180.00	
Land Option	1.00	
Certificates of Deposit	150,000.00	
Temporary Loans	100,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,288,718.33

**EXPENDITURES FOR 1966****General Government**

Selectmen	\$1,450.00
Board of Public Welfare	286.53
Assessors	2,503.51
Assessors' Maps	449.35
Treasurer	1,085.34
Town Clerk	539.00
Accountant	2,822.10
Accountant — 1965 Account	40.00
Collector	1,912.38
Registrars	399.25



Elections	992.47	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Water Source Survey	7.15	
Conservation Committee	102.00	
Conservation Commission	30.00	
Appeal Board	252.25	
Planning Board	91.00	
Building Inspector	1,000.00	
Wire Inspector	1,000.00	
Gas Inspector	400.00	
Plumbing Inspector	595.50	
Finance Committee	15.00	
Recreational Planning	500.00	
Recreation Committee — 1965 Account	72.00	
Recreation Committee	1,013.27	
Board of Health	4,585.48	
Inspector of Slaughtering	378.01	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$23,071.59

### Protection of Persons and Property

Dog Officer	\$393.00	
Police	23,844.02	
Police Cruiser	2,200.00	
Fire Department	16,216.29	
Tree Warden	2,497.25	
Moth Suppression	1,398.70	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,999.70	
Fire Stations Improvement	942.50	
Fire Stations Improvement — 1965 Account	575.45	
Haverhill Jail	400.00	
Speed Control Signs	92.10	
Dry Hydrants & Water Holes	340.00	
Central Communications System	6,038.30	
	<hr/>	\$56,937.31

**Aid and Relief**

Public Welfare	\$52.00	
Disability Assistance	1,075.70	
Disability Assistance, U.S. Grant	1,098.75	
Old Age Assistance	2,963.18	
Old Age Assistance, U.S. Grant	6,300.65	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,067.45	
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	1,491.30	
Medical Aid to Aged	5,839.67	
Medical Aid to Aged, U.S. Grant	4,344.01	
Medical Assistance, U.S. Grant	6,854.79	
Veterans' Benefits	1,287.78	
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Admin.	722.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$34,247.28

**Schools and Libraries**

School Department	\$256,517.91	
School Account, U.S. P.L. No. 874	1,065.33	
School — 1965 Account	1,059.79	
School Account — Title I	1,499.44	
School Account — Title III	562.14	
School Lunch Program	26,956.41	
New Elementary School	284.00	
Regional District School	342,192.76	
Masconomet Plans	10,108.00	
Library Service	6,453.61	
	<hr/>	\$646,699.39

**Highways**

Highway Fund — Chapter 679	\$3,390.00
Chapter 81 — Maintenance	21,763.00
Chapter 90 — Construction 1965 Account	13,034.38
Chapter 90 — Construction	20,664.30
Highway Equipment	1,500.00

Highways & Bridges — Selectmen's Fund	2,000.00	
Snow Removal & Sanding	24,307.48	
Road Machinery Maintenance	2,642.15	
Chapter 90 — Maintenance	1,200.00	
Street Lighting	874.82	
Vacation Account	1,910.40	
Sick Benefit	489.90	
	<hr/>	\$93,776.43

**Unclassified**

Town Halls	\$1,384.84
Public Grounds	141.58
Insurance	5,025.87
Memorial Day	445.88
Soldiers Graves	200.00
Harmony Cemetery	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Clerical	1,752.09
Community House	149.31
Essex County Mosquito Control	6,779.15
Excise Tax Bills	309.00
Town Reports	1,331.90
Civil Defense	151.67
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	1,019.14
Veterans' Service District	171.74
State Parks and Reservations	2,165.08
County Tax	15,408.98
County Retirement System	8,165.54
State Audit	1,706.28
Certificates of Deposit	320,000.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	3,124.68
Real Estate Tax Refunds	1,546.28
Dog Licenses to County	849.25
Micro-Filming Old Records	151.67
Sale of Dogs Refunded to County	36.00
Personal Property Tax Refunds	21.15

Principal on Maturing Debt	31,000.00	
Interest on Loans	3,831.94	
Temporary Loan	100,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$507,219.02

**Agency Accounts**

Tax Sheltered Annuity	\$1,200.00	
Life Insurance	285.42	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	3,733.41	
Federal Withholding Tax	34,248.20	
Group Life & Hospital Insurance	4,089.99	
Essex County Retirement	4,384.59	
State Withholding Tax	4,227.79	
	<hr/>	\$52,169.40
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TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		\$1,414,120.42

**BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1966

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS****ASSETS**

Cash: General		\$127,371.83
Certificate of Deposit		170,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1959		
Real Estate		4.38
Levy of 1960		
Real Estate		10.34
Levy of 1961		
Real Estate		22.09
Levy of 1962		
Real Estate	\$23.74	
Personal	303.00	
	<hr/>	326.74
Levy of 1963		
Real Estate	28.77	
Personal	30.30	
	<hr/>	59.07
Levy of 1964		
Real Estate	502.90	
Personal	18.00	
	<hr/>	520.90
Levy of 1965		
Real Estate	10,890.50	
Personal	568.56	
	<hr/>	11,459.06
Levy of 1966		
Real Estate	49,083.41	
Personal	3,287.65	
	<hr/>	52,371.06



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## Farm Animal Excise:-

Levy of 1965	46.10
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Levy of 1966	108.94
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155.04

## Motor Vehicle &amp; Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1964	110.40
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Levy of 1965	608.24
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Levy of 1966	16,851.33
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17,569.97

## Departmental:

Aid to Dependent Children	106.93
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Disability Assistance	65.20
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Snow Removal	434.25
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606.38

## Tax Title

54.53

## State &amp; County Aid to Highway

21,332.65

## Life Insurance

2.82

## Blue Cross - Blue Shield

34.36

## Underestimates:

County Tax	1,228.42
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State Parks & Reservations	386.88
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Essex County Mosquito Control	3,818.24
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\$407,334.76

## DEBT ACCOUNT

## Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$82,000.00

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

## Trust Funds, Cash and Securities

\$305,389.40

## LIABILITIES

## Reserve until collected:

Tax Title Revenue	\$54.53
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Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	17,472.62
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Departmental Revenue	496.38	
Special Assessment Revenue	155.04	
State & County Aid		
to Highway Revenue	21,332.65	
	<hr/>	\$39,511.22

## Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1959	\$4.38	
Levy of 1960	10.34	
Levy of 1961	22.09	
Levy of 1962	326.74	
Levy of 1963	59.07	
Levy of 1964	520.90	
Levy of 1965	11,459.06	
Levy of 1966	16,629.73	
	<hr/>	\$29,032.31

Veterans' Services	110.00
Motor Vehicle Excise — 1963	97.35
Overlay Surplus Reserve	51,887.49
Excess and Deficiency	182,098.99

## Appropriation Accounts:

Assessors Maps	\$8,940.82
Goodwin Plans — 1954 Account	100.00
Conservation Commission	1,490.00
Recreational Planning	1,000.00
Baseball Field	4,780.00
Water Source Survey	9,992.85
Conservation Committee	3,298.00
Police	26.00
Central Communications System	5,961.70
Fire Station Improvements	57.50
Dry Hydrants and Water Holes	160.00
Chapter 90 Construction	3,329.70
Trask Road	100.00
School	2,200.00
School Bldg. Committee — 1962 Account	438.48

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New Elementary School	27.21	
Library Service	240.25	
Morse House — 1964 Account	44.77	
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		\$42,187.28

## U. S. Grants:

Disability Assistance	\$2,770.20	
Aid to Families with		
Dependent Children	6,594.92	
Old Age Assistance	3,774.89	
Medical Assistance	9,494.52	
School Aid — Title I	3,360.56	
School Aid — Public Law No. 864	2,034.31	
School Aid — Public Law No. 874	10,291.47	
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		\$38,320.87

Road Machinery Fund	4,536.28	
School Lunch Program	4,870.27	
J. T. Barker Fund	8,890.00	
Civil Defense	192.70	
Land Taking for Highway Purposes	5,500.00	
Tax Sheltered Annuity	100.00	
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		\$407,334.76

## DEBT ACCOUNT

School Loans	\$82,000.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

## LIABILITIES

Town Farm Fund	\$49,480.44
Post War Rehabilitation	5,651.93
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,205.82
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	402.46
East Parish Library	3,500.00
West Parish Library	3,000.00

East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,464.93	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	1,407.28	
Town School Fund	4,500.00	
Stabilization Fund	228,853.80	
Conservation Fund	4,922.74	
	<hr/>	\$305,389.40

**DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1966****GENERAL GOVERNMENT****Selectmen**

Appropriation		\$1,450.00
Salaries, Selectmen	\$1,380.00	
Office Expense	26.00	
State and County Association Dues	44.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00

**Board of Public Welfare**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	\$270.00	
Association Dues	10.00	
Office Supplies	6.53	
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Total Expenditures	\$286.53	
Balance to Revenue	13.47	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Board of Assessors**

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Transferred from Reserve		3.51
Salaries, Board of Assessors	\$1,850.00	
Clerical	278.25	
Abstracts	129.00	
Office Supplies	216.26	
State and County Association Dues	30.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,503.51	\$2,503.51

**Assessors Maps**

Balance from 1965		\$9,390.17
Mapping	\$449.35	
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Total Expenditures	\$449.35	
Balance to 1967	8,940.82	
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	\$9,390.17	\$9,390.17

**Treasurer**

Appropriations		\$1,200.00
Salary, Treasurer	\$400.00	
Bonds	276.00	
Office Supplies	57.70	
Assistant Treasurer	338.64	
Rent, Safety Deposit Vault	4.00	
State Association Dues	9.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,085.34	
Balance to Revenue	114.66	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

**Town Clerk**

Appropriation		\$600.00
Services, Town Clerk	\$412.00	
Bond	10.00	
Office Expense	101.00	
Association Dues	16.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$539.00	
Balance to Revenue	61.00	
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	\$600.00	\$600.00

**Collector**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Salary, Collector	\$1,200.00	
Bonds	213.00	



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Office Expense	475.88	
State Association Dues	9.00	
Deputy Collector	14.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,912.38	
Balance to Revenue	87.62	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Accountant**

Appropriation		\$2,900.00
Salary, Accountant	\$2,000.00	
Office Expense	416.97	
Clerical	405.13	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,822.10	
Balance to Revenue	77.90	
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	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00

**Accountant 1965 Account**

Balance from 1965		\$50.00
Office Furniture	\$40.00	
Balance to Revenue	10.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**Town Counsel**

Appropriation		\$500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	\$500.00	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

**Finance Committee**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Association Dues	\$15.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$15.00	

Balance to Revenue	35.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**Registrars**

Appropriations		\$400.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	\$106.75	
Printing	226.00	
Clerical	66.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$399.25	
Balance to Revenue	.75	
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	\$400.00	\$400.00

**Elections**

Appropriations		\$1,200.00
Refund		7.00
Service, Town Clerk	\$168.25	
Election Officers	612.01	
Printing	182.45	
Office Expense	29.76	
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Total Expenditures	\$992.47	
Balance to Revenue	214.53	
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	\$1,207.00	\$1,207.00

**Appeal Board**

Appropriations		\$200.00
Transfer from Memorial Day		79.12
Advertising	\$92.00	
Office Expense	160.25	
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Total Expenditures	\$252.25	
Balance to Revenue	26.87	
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	\$279.12	\$279.12

**Planning Board**

Appropriations		\$300.00
Advertising	\$46.00	
Association Dues	10.00	
Eliot	30.00	
Postage	5.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$91.00	
Balance to Revenue	209.00	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Conservation Commission**

Appropriations		\$1,520.00
Association Dues	\$30.00	
For Deposit in Bank	1,490.00	
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	\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00

**Conservation Committee**

Appropriations		\$3,400.00
Aerial Maps	\$102.00	
Balance to 1967	3,298.00	
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	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00

**Recreation Committee — 1965 Account**

Balance from 1965		\$72.00
Fertilizing Ball Field	\$72.00	
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	\$72.00	\$72.00

**Recreational Planning**

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Survey	\$500.00	
Balance to 1967	1,000.00	
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	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

**Recreation Committee**

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Trucking	\$20.00	
Mowing	473.00	
Bulldozing	85.00	
Survey	127.90	
Lighting	200.00	
Electricity	10.20	
Supplies	66.05	
Lumber	21.12	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
Total Expenditures	\$1,013.27	
Balance to Revenue	186.73	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

**Water Source Survey**

Appropriation		\$10,000.00
Maps	\$7.15	
Balance to 1967	9,992.85	
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	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Central Communications**

Appropriations		\$12,000.00
Equipment	\$6,038.30	
Balance to 1967	5,961.70	
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	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

**Building Inspector**

Appropriations		\$1,000.00
Services, Building Inspector	\$900.00	
Office Expense	100.00	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

**Wire Inspector**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Services, Wire Inspector	\$532.00	
Office Expense	200.00	
Mileage	268.00	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

**Plumbing Inspector**

Appropriation		\$600.00
Services, Plumbing Inspector	\$595.50	
Balance to Revenue	4.50	
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	\$600.00	\$600.00

**Gas Inspector**

Appropriation		\$500.00
Services, Gas Inspector	\$142.50	
Office Expense	200.00	
Mileage	57.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$400.00	
Balance to Revenue	100.00	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

**HEALTH AND SANITATION****Board of Health**

Appropriation		\$4,800.00
Salaries, Board of Health	\$250.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	1,090.00	
Services, Dump Caretaker	1,895.25	
Maintenance of Dump	907.56	
Supplies	50.37	
Water Test	2.00	
Clinic	8.00	



Transportation	10.00	
Telephone	166.30	
Association Dues	6.00	
Mental Health Association	200.00	
Total Expenditures	\$4,585.48	
Balance to Revenue	214.52	
	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00

### Inspectors of Slaughtering

Appropriation		\$800.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	\$378.01	
Total Expenditures	\$378.01	
Balance to Revenue	421.99	
	\$800.00	\$800.00

### Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		\$50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	\$50.00	
	\$50.00	\$50.00

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

### Dog Officer

Appropriations		\$200.00
County of Essex Refunds		244.00
Salary, Dog Officer	\$100.00	
Board and Disposal of Stray Dogs	293.00	
Total Expenditures	\$393.00	
Balance to Revenue	51.00	
	\$444.00	\$444.00

**Police**

Appropriation		\$18,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		4,400.00
Transfer from Public Welfare		1,000.00
Transfer from Insurance		1,000.00
Refund		21.60
Labor	\$10,211.77	
Salaries	6,461.00	
Blue Line Operators	1,410.00	
Insurance	349.30	
Telephone	521.16	
Repairs	1,051.97	
Gasoline & Oil	2,202.13	
Supplies	239.66	
Mileage	65.30	
Fuel	435.54	
Office Supplies	276.70	
Rubbish Collection	2.00	
Electricity	130.04	
Uniforms	487.45	
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Total Expenditures	\$23,844.02	
Carried to 1967	26.00	
Balance to Revenue	551.58	
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	\$24,421.60	\$24,421.60

**Fire**

Appropriation		\$16,200.00
Refund		23.37
Salaries	\$1,000.00	
Red Line Operators	2,260.00	
Labor	5,452.07	
Equipment	2,178.32	
Repairs	1,150.64	
Telephones	880.35	
Fuel	828.00	

Electricity	467.65	
Supplies	726.91	
Gasoline & Oil	458.61	
Fire Escape	385.00	
Boots & Helmets	421.99	
Civil Defense Training	6.75	
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Total Expenditures	\$16,216.29	
Balance to Revenue	7.08	
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	\$16,223.37	\$16,223.37

### Fire Stations — Improvements

Balance from 1965		\$575.45
Duct Work	\$47.52	
Sanding Stairs	18.00	
Lumber	300.51	
Carpentry	160.22	
Electrical	49.20	
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	\$575.45	\$575.45

### Fire Stations — Improvements 1966

Appropriations		\$1,000.00
Labor and Materials	\$487.00	
Lumber	62.63	
Plumbing	248.43	
Electrical Work	58.50	
Floor Tile and Base	41.89	
Window	30.71	
Paint	13.34	
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Total Expenditures	\$942.50	
Balance to 1967	57.50	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

**Tree Warden**

Appropriations		\$2,500.00
Labor	\$440.00	
Trucks	572.00	
Power Saw	114.00	
Chipper	246.00	
Tree Planting	28.00	
Supplies	3.75	
Contract	1,093.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,497.25	
Balance to Revenue	2.75	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

**Moth Suppression**

Appropriation		\$1,400.00
Labor	\$208.20	
Truck	56.00	
Power Saw	92.00	
Chipper	180.00	
Spraying	505.00	
Materials	357.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,398.70	
Balance to Revenue	1.30	
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	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

**Dutch Elm Disease Control**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Labor	\$145.20	
Power Saw	8.00	
Trucks	208.00	
Bulldozer	144.00	

Contract Work	1,476.50	
Chipper	18.00	
Total Expenditures	\$1,999.70	
Balance to Revenue	.30	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

### CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

#### Public Welfare

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Refund		20.00
Cash	\$52.00	
Total Expenditure	\$52.00	
Transfer to Police	1,000.00	
Transfer to Snow	500.00	
Balance to Revenue	468.00	
	\$2,020.00	\$2,020.00

#### Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Cash	\$2,963.18	
Transfer to Disability Assistance	36.82	
	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

#### Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1965		\$5,559.74
Federal Grants		4,487.50
Refunds		28.30
Cash	\$6,300.65	
Balance to 1967	3,774.89	
	\$10,075.54	\$10,075.54



**Aid to Dependent Children**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Refunds		72.00
Cash	\$2,067.45	
Transfer to Disability Assistance	4.55	
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	\$2,072.00	\$2,072.00

**Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant**

Balance from 1965		\$6,098.17
Federal Grants		1,871.00
Refunds		117.05
Cash	\$1,491.30	
Balance to 1967	6,594.92	
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	\$8,086.22	\$8,086.22

**Disability Assistance**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Transfer from A.D.C.		4.55
Transfer from O.A.A.		36.82
Transfer from M.A.A.		34.33
Cash	\$1,075.70	
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	\$1,075.70	\$1,075.70

**Medical Assistance, U. S. Grant**

Transfer from D.A., U. S. Grant		\$3,000.00
Transfer from M.A.A., U. S. Grant		8,955.86
Federal Grants		4,393.45
Cash	\$6,854.79	
Balance to 1967	9,494.52	
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	\$16,349.31	\$16,349.31

**Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant**

Balance from 1965		\$5,682.95
Federal Grants		1,186.00
Cash	\$1,098.75	

Transfer to M.A., U. S. Grant	3,000.00	
Balance to 1967	2,770.20	
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	\$6,868.95	\$6,868.95

**Medical Aid for the Aged**

Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Refunds		107.12
Cash	\$5,839.67	
Transfer to D. A.	34.33	
Balance to Revenue	233.12	
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	\$6,107.12	\$6,107.12

**Medical Aid for the Aged, U. S. Grant**

Balance from 1965		\$7,890.07
Federal Grants		5,409.80
Cash	\$4,344.01	
Balance to M.A.	8,955.86	
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	\$13,299.87	\$13,299.87

**Central Essex Welfare District Administration**

Appropriation		\$722.00
Welfare District Expense	\$722.00	
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	\$722.00	\$722.00

**Veterans' Benefits**

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Cash	\$294.00	
Medical	203.12	
Nursing Home	748.81	
Hospital	38.00	
Miscellaneous	3.85	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,287.78	

Balance to Revenue	212.22	
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	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

## HIGHWAYS

**Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Labor	\$98.50	
Trucks	78.92	
Sand & Gravel	318.54	
Salt	212.05	
Hot Top	942.05	
Signs	337.44	
Advertising	12.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Chapter 90 Construction — Middleton Road 1965**

Balance from 1965		\$13,034.38
Labor	\$5,276.15	
Trucks	1,633.75	
Loader	261.00	
Bulldozer	2,491.89	
Shovel	2,392.00	
Backhoe	50.00	
Grader	14.00	
Power Saw	294.00	
Culvert	621.59	
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Total Expenditures	\$13,034.38	\$13,034.38

**Chapter 90 — Maintenance**

State Allotment		\$400.00
Appropriation		800.00
Hot Top	\$1,200.00	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

**Chapter 679 — Acts of 1965**

State Allotment		\$3,390.00
Labor	\$622.00	
Trucks	206.00	
Grader	102.00	
Loader	66.00	
Bulldozer	48.00	
Power Saw	18.00	
Hot Top	2,328.00	
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Total Expenditure	\$3,390.00	\$3,390.00

**Highway Equipment**

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Snow Plows	\$1,500.00	
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	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

**Chapter 81 — Maintenance**

Appropriation		\$3,400.00
State Allotment		18,700.00
Labor	\$10,115.00	
Trucks	2,667.50	
Tractor	264.00	
Loader	240.00	
Grader	272.00	
Signs	50.00	
Salt	39.56	
Sand and Gravel	2,409.80	
Oil	4,808.11	
Patch	848.95	
Tools	48.08	
Use of Town Tools	337.00	
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	\$22,100.00	\$22,100.00

**Chapter 90 — Construction Middleton Road**

State Allotment		\$12,000.00
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County Allotment		6,000.00
Appropriation		6,000.00
Labor	\$4,960.25	
Trucks	2,724.50	
Grader	1,584.00	
Loader	402.00	
Shovel	3,289.00	
Sand and Gravel	1,385.41	
Oil	1,166.42	
Blasting	2,240.00	
Bulldozer	2,381.11	
Backhoe	110.00	
Roller	224.00	
Culvert	147.41	
Cement	22.20	
Calcium	28.00	
Use of Town Tools	6.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$20,670.30	
Balance to 1967	3,339.70	
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	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00

**Snow Removal and Sanding**

Appropriations		\$26,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		462.48
Labor	\$7,458.50	
Trucks	3,725.65	
Trucks and Plows	4,649.35	
Sanders	913.50	
Loaders	995.00	
Sand	1,439.15	
Salt	4,600.33	
Use of Town Tools	2,655.00	
Grader	416.00	
Bulldozer	100.00	
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	\$26,962.48	\$26,962.48



**Road Machinery Maintenance**

Transfers from Road Machinery Fund		\$3,500.00
Labor	\$4.50	
Gasoline, Oil and Kerosene	347.94	
Supplies	119.49	
Repairs	1,601.80	
Equipment	179.90	
Light	16.09	
Tools	21.89	
Paint	30.10	
Fuel	208.70	
Telephone	108.74	
Registration Fee	3.00	
Total Expenditures	\$2,642.15	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	857.85	
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	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

**Street Lighting**

Appropriations		\$900.00
Street Lights	\$874.82	
Balance to Revenue	25.18	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

**Sick Benefit**

Appropriations		\$750.00
Pay Rolls	\$489.90	
Balance to Revenue	260.10	
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	\$750.00	\$750.00

**Highway Vacation Account**

Appropriations		\$2,400.00
Vacation Payrolls	\$1,910.40	
Balance to Revenue	489.60	
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	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

**All Schools**

Appropriation		\$259,059.00
Refunds		42.10
Teachers' Salaries	\$139,999.17	
Substitute Teachers	3,264.00	
Supervisory	21,221.83	
Clerical	4,160.33	
Superintendent:		
Salary	5,626.56	
Clerical	2,803.01	
Expense	938.00	
Health:		
Nurse	1,674.40	
Physician	500.00	
Supplies	45.18	
Tuition	905.80	
Transportation	27,793.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	14,029.77	
Attendance Officer	10.00	
Committee Expense	367.66	
Books	2,915.78	
Supplies	5,586.68	
Fuel	4,808.74	
Electricity	3,856.94	
Telephones	528.98	
Repairs	2,203.08	
Census	100.00	
Supervisors' Expense	599.01	
Insurance	3,602.62	
Janitors' Supplies	1,839.90	
Grounds	693.97	
Guidance	4,195.85	
Music	237.90	

Equipment	1,603.60	
Rubbish Collection	406.15	
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Total Expenditures	\$256,517.91	
Carried to 1967	2,200.00	
Balance to Revenue	383.19	
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	\$259,101.10	\$259,101.10

**School — 1965 Account**

Balance from 1965		\$1,062.59
Books	\$968.43	
Supplies	91.36	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,059.79	
Balance to Revenue	2.80	
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	\$1,062.59	\$1,062.59

**New Elementary School**

Balance from 1965		\$311.21
Furnishings	\$284.00	
Balance to 1967	27.21	
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	\$311.21	\$311.21

**School Lunch Program**

Balance from 1965		\$5,643.23
Cash		19,500.63
State Grants		6,682.82
Salaries	\$9,799.51	
Food	15,573.78	
Equipment	845.89	
Gas	603.96	
Supplies	87.81	
Repairs	41.46	
Dues	4.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$26,956.41	

Balance to 1967	4,870.27	
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	\$31,826.68	\$31,826.68
<b>School Aid — Title I</b>		
Federal Grant		\$4,860.00
Teacher Coaches	\$1,499.44	
Balance to 1967	3,360.56	
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	\$4,860.00	\$4,860.00
<b>School Aid — P. L. 864 — Title III</b>		
Balance from 1965		\$2,188.34
Federal Grant		408.11
Books	\$270.27	
Film Strips & Supplies	291.87	
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Total Expenditures	\$562.14	
Balance to 1967	2,034.31	
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	\$2,596.45	\$2,596.45
<b>School Aid — P. L. No. 874</b>		
Balance from 1965		\$11,356.80
Equipment	\$1,065.33	
Balance to 1967	10,291.47	
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	\$11,356.80	\$11,356.80
<b>Masconomet Plans</b>		
Appropriation		\$10,108.00
Masconomet Regional School	\$10,108.00	
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	\$10,108.00	\$10,108.00
<b>Regional District School</b>		
Appropriation		\$342,192.76
Masconomet Regional District School	\$342,192.76	
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	\$342,192.76	\$342,192.76

**Library Service**

Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Dog Refund		555.45
State Aid		502.50
Interest		283.54
Refunds		25.19
East Parish Library	\$1,652.56	
West Parish Library	1,630.98	
Librarian	2,058.89	
Association Dues	67.50	
Books	728.78	
Supplies	214.25	
Telephone	48.67	
Repairs	36.12	
Electricity	9.36	
Office Expense	4.50	
Rent	2.00	
Total Expenditures	\$6,453.61	
Carries to 1967	240.25	
Balance to Revenue	672.82	
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	\$7,366.68	\$7,366.68

**UNCLASSIFIED****Town Halls**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Janitors	\$376.75	
Fuel	378.12	
Light	234.68	
Telephone	260.25	
Repairs	114.88	
Supplies	20.16	
Total Expenditures	\$1,384.84	
Balance to Revenue	615.16	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00



**Public Grounds**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Mowing Commons	\$134.75	
Rope	2.58	
Fertilizer	4.25	
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Total Expenditures	\$141.58	
Balance to Revenue	158.42	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Soldiers Graves**

Appropriation		\$225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	\$100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Balance to Revenue	25.00	
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	\$225.00	\$225.00

**Harmony Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Maintenance	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Boxford Village Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Maintenance	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Mt. Vernon Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Maintenance	\$50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**Memorial Day**

Appropriation		\$525.00
American Legion Post No. 379	\$445.88	
Transfer to Appeal Board	79.12	
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	\$525.00	\$525.00

**Clerical**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Clerical	\$1,752.09	
Balance to Revenue	247.91	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Community House**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Electricity	\$46.90	
Repairs	102.41	
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Total Expenditures	\$149.31	
Balance to Revenue	150.69	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Microfilming**

Appropriation		\$175.00
Microfilming	\$139.17	
Rent of Ultra Security Vault	12.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$151.67	
Balance to Revenue	23.33	
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	\$175.00	\$175.00

**Town Reports**

Appropriation		\$1,600.00
Town Reports	\$1,281.90	
Delivery	50.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,331.90	

Balance to Revenue	268.10	
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	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00

**Civil Defense**

Balance from 1965		\$129.37
Appropriation		215.00
Director's Salary	\$100.00	
Telephone	51.67	
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Total Expenditures	\$151.67	
Balance to 1967	192.70	
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	\$344.37	\$344.37

**Contingency Fund**

Appropriations		\$1,400.00
Rent	\$48.13	
Note Fee	5.00	
Police Training School	184.33	
Town of Topsfield	430.00	
Printing	114.75	
Law Books	82.00	
Advertising	29.00	
Surveys	101.00	
Trucks	24.93	
Town Tools	56.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,075.14	
Balance to Revenue	324.86	
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	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

**Interest on Loans**

Appropriation		\$3,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		331.94

School Loans	\$2,880.00	
Temporary Loan	951.94	
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	\$3,831.94	\$3,831.94

#### Amortization of School and Temporary Loans

Appropriation		\$31,000.00
Arlington Trust Loan		100,000.00
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	\$31,000.00	
Arlington Trust Co.	100,000.00	
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	\$131,000.00	\$131,000.00

#### Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Fund		\$15,000.00
Total Transfers	\$5,442.43	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	9,557.57	
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	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

#### Insurance

Appropriation		\$6,400.00
Compensation	\$1,234.98	
Boiler	33.34	
Motor Vehicle Liability	2,129.84	
Fire	732.42	
Fire, Theft and Collision	356.80	
Accident, Fire Department	513.59	
Multi-Peril	24.90	
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Total Expenditures	\$5,025.87	
Transfer to Police	1,000.00	
Balance to Revenue	374.13	
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	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,  
Town Accountant

**REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER**

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1966 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1966	\$252,773.92
Tax Collector	\$733,082.59
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Highways	42,567.92
Education	82,169.17
Taxes	49,499.51
Old Age Assistance, Grants	8,080.10
Aid to Dependent Children, Grants	3,360.00
Disability Assistance, Grants	1,697.90
Medical Aid to Aged	11,540.86
Medical Aid, U. S. Grant	4,393.45
Veterans' Benefits	3,007.60
School Lunch Program	7,188.35
County of Essex:	
Highways	10,313.96
Dog License Refund	555.45
Dog Board	321.00
Trust Funds, Income	1,827.79
Departmental Receipts	965.00
Licenses and Permits	5,507.71
Income from Town Property	841.20
Court Fines	330.00
School Lunch Program	18,995.10
Telephone Commission	51.60
Interest	2,745.28
Sale of Maps & Street Lists	29.22
Sale of Dogs	36.00
Land Option	1.00
Departmental Refunds	1,523.70
Certificates of Deposit	150,000.00
Temporary Loan	100,000.00
Federal Withholding Tax Account	34,248.20
State Withholding Tax Account	4,270.11



County Retirement Account	4,384.59	
Tax Sheltered Annuities	1,200.00	
Blue Cross	3,702.03	
Life Insurance	281.94	
	<hr/>	\$1,288,718.33
Disbursements:		<hr/>
		\$1,541,492.25
Treasury Warrants as issued		
by Accountant and approved		
by Selectmen		1,414,120.42
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Balance December 31, 1966		\$127,371.83

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

**REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS****STABILIZATION FUND****Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 14821:**

Balance January 1, 1966	\$1,445.74
Interest for year 1966	72.83
Deposit	1,200.69
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$2,719.26

**Andover Savings Bank, Book 75659:**

On Deposit January 1, 1966	\$11,077.56
Interest for year 1966	477.08
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$11,554.64

**Salem Savings Bank, Book 110123:**

On Deposit January 1, 1966	\$7,579.87
Interest for year 1966	340.05
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$7,919.92

**Warren Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 98035:**

On Deposit January 1, 1966	\$37,827.20
Interest for year 1966	1,702.00
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$39,529.20

**Haverhill Savings Bank, Book 800353:**

Topsfield Branch	
On deposit January 1, 1966	\$27,707.56
Interest for year 1966	1,303.81
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$29,011.37

**Georgetown Savings Bank, Acct. 15901:**

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$31,289.05
Interest for year 1966	1,543.91
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$32,832.96

## Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 84296:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$25,988.14
Interest for year 1966	1,147.35

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$27,135.49
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## Ipswich Savings Bank, Book 35188:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$25,983.41
Interest for year 1966	1,149.21

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$27,132.62
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## Pentucket Five Cents Savings Bank, Acct. 200320:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$10,000.00
Interest for year 1966	431.75

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$10,431.75
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## Danvers Savings Bank, Acct. 537:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$15,000.00
Interest for year 1966	586.59

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$15,586.59
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## Arlington Trust Company, Cert. 5208:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$25,000.00
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$25,000.00
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## CONSERVATION FUND

## Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 295:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$3,207.46
Interest for year 1966	215.28
Deposit January 3, 1966	1,500.00

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$4,922.74
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## TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, Par Value \$6,500.00

\$6,500.00 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	\$6,500.00
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Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the following banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 801299:

On deposit August 9, 1966	\$21,684.95
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	81.25
Savings Bank interest for 1966	253.31

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$22,019.51
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Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:

On deposit January 13, 1966	\$9,538.14
Interest for year 1966	410.51

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$9,948.65
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Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$176.29
Interest for year 1966	7.59

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$183.88
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Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$20,702.48
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	81.25
Savings Bank Interest for 1966	901.22

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Transferred to Special Notice Acct.	\$21,684.95
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Salem Savings Bank, Book 99618:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$10,363.43
Interest for year 1966	464.97

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Balance January 1, 1967	\$10,828.40
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SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$2,258.55
Interest for the year 1966	97.27

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\$2,355.82

Withdrawn	150.00
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$2,205.82
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#### CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$385.91
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Interest for the year 1966	16.55
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$402.46
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#### EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$2,000.00
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Interest for the year 1966	86.35
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	\$2,086.35
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Withdrawn	86.35
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$2,000.00
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Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$1,500.00
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Interest for the year 1966	66.21
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	\$1,566.21
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Withdrawn	66.21
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,500.00
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#### WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:

On deposit January 1, 1966	\$1,500.00
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Interest for the year 1966	64.77
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	\$1,564.77
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Withdrawn	64.77
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,500.00
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Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit January 1, 1966	\$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1966	66.21
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	\$1,566.21
Withdrawn	66.21
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,500.00

## EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
On deposit January 1, 1966	\$1,404.62
Interest for the year 1966	60.31
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,464.93

## BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit January 1, 1966	\$1,349.33
Interest for the year 1966	57.95
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,407.28

## POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Interest from U. S. bonds were deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:	
On deposit January 1, 1966	\$2,447.48
Interest for the year 1966	105.10
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$2,552.58
Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:	
Rehabilitation	
On deposit January 1, 1966	\$2,968.08
Interest for the year 1966	131.27
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Balance January 1, 1967	\$3,099.35

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS**

For the year ending December 31, 1966

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book No. 11474	\$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Haverhill Savings Bank	
Book No. T2437	500.00
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Total amount of fund	\$4,500.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	\$43.45
Danvers Savings Bank	85.00
Salem Savings Bank	44.38
Haverhill Savings Bank	21.42
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Total	\$194.25

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

RICHARD P. CHADWICK

AMY G. PARKHURST

Committee on School Funds

All of the Bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Committee met in January, but held no meetings in February or March because there was no pressing business to transact and the committee anticipated changes in membership in April.

Frederick B. Monell's term expired in March. He had served as a member of the committee since its inception in 1960, and as its chairman since 1962. The Selectmen reappointed him for a new term and appointed Louis P. Vrettos to fill a vacancy created by Dudley Watkins' resignation. The School Committee elected A. Gordon Price, James Heeremans and Robert Crandall to the building committee.

The Committee met in April and elected LeRoy Curtis as Chairman, John Benson Vice-Chairman and Frederick B. Monell, Secretary. During the year, the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission approved the final payment on the Cole School addition which was started in 1960. The Committee ordered additional filing cabinets to equip the Spofford Pond School and discussed future school needs. Mr. Price kept us informed of planning and study work being initiated by the Recreation Committee.

Miss Perley is now filing the final reports on the Spofford Pond School project with the School Building Assistance Committee. The Committee expects final approval in 1967 and completion of bond payments by 1969.

Over the past five years, the Committee has compared three methods of projecting school population and found one method to be an accurate five-year growth barometer. It is based on an annual census of preschool population. The Parent-Teachers Association has conducted this census for several years. The 1966 census was held in October and indicated the following enrollments and classroom needs:

Year	Enrollment, Grades 1-6	Number of Rooms for Classrooms of 25 Pupils
1966 (actual)	563	22
1967 (predicted)	601	24

1968	611	24
1969	618	25
1970	632	25
1971	645	26

Since there are now twenty-seven (27) classrooms available, it appears that the Town will not need to build any new classroom facilities before 1970. It should be noted, however, that this does not apply if the growth patterns change, or if the Town decides to provide kindergarten facilities. The Willis report recommends public kindergartens and there are indications that state legislation may make it mandatory for towns to provide kindergartens in the near future.

The ideas presented above are a short-range (5-year) look at school needs. For a longer look into the future, we have discussed the 1961 Town Master Plan. It projects an "ultimate" elementary school population of about 2800 pupils. This may not materialize for sixty years or more, and schools of the future may be very different from any we can envision at this time. If future schools and class sizes are modelled on the existing schools, however, at least two more school sites and about seventy additional classrooms will be required for the ultimate growth projection. The Committee feels that it should pursue these thoughts now and consider the reservation of land for school expansion while it is still available. The Master Plan contains some recommendations along these lines. During the next year or two, we will study this problem in more detail. This will result in some firm recommendations to the Town at some future date.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOXFORD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

LeROY E. CURTIS, JR., Chairman  
JOHN R. BENSON, Vice-Chairman  
FREDERICK B. MONELL, JR., Secretary  
JAMES H. HEEREMANS  
A. GORDON PRICE  
ROBERT R. CRANDALL  
LOUIS P. VRETTOS

**THE ESSEX COUNTY REVERE AND WINTHROP****MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

In March of 1966 the Essex County Revere and Winthrop Mosquito Control Project was at work in Boxford applying No. 2 fuel oil to the surface of the water to exterminate the mosquito larvae which were found breeding in temporary or isolated woodland pools. During the next several weeks many acres of breeding plots were so treated. As soon as the adult mosquitoes appeared on the wing, all efforts turned to spraying and fogging. This phase of control continued until September 14. The three mist blowers and two fogging machines owned by the Project were at work in Boxford on the following dates: June 21, 29 — July 17 — August 16 — September 3, 7, 8, 12, and 14. On June 29, July 22, August 16, and September 3, the five trucks were in town for an eight hour period during which the entire area was treated. This method of blanket treatment is much more effective in the reduction of the mosquito population than spot spraying of isolated sections. At present the project is engaged in pre hatch treatment of sites which were found productive in the Spring of 1966. This work involves the application of pesticides in dust or granular form to the surface of the ice on woodland pools not associated with flowing streams.

The pre hatch, larvaciding, and adult control programs will be expanded in Boxford in 1967. The Project will become involved in the reclamation of badly clogged brooks and streams as soon as physically possible, knowing that the permanent elimination of the breeding site is the most effective method of mosquito abatement.

The mosquito problem in Essex County is a severe one. If control measures now employed are to be effective, the residents of the County must adopt a realistic approach and provide for their expansion. The net result will be a permanent decrease in the mosquito nuisance to the point where outdoor summer activities can once again be enjoyed.

BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. SPENCER,  
Superintendent

PETER BEDROSIAN,  
Boxford Rep. to Essex County  
Mosquito Project



ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BOXFORD  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1966

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT****SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

A. Gordon Price, Chairman	Term Expires 1969
Robert R. Crandall, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1967
Webster B. Brockelman, Secretary	Term Expires 1967
James H. Heeremans	Term Expires 1969
Peter K. Race	Term Expires 1968

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

Ann E. Kernander

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Herbert A. Rouisse

**School Committee Operation**

The committee held a total of 23 regular meeting and 2 special meetings during 1966. Meetings have been held in the Library of the Spofford Pond School. Regular meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:45 P.M. Meetings are open and the public is invited to attend. Executive sessions have seldom been held and then only in matters requiring privacy and consistent with the open meeting statute. There has been frequent press coverage and full accounts of committee actions have been reported in the local newspapers. Notices of special meetings or changes in dates are posted in the Town Hall.

School committee representation on other groups follows: R. Crandall, J. Heeremans, and A. Price serve on the School Building Committee; J. Heeremans and P. Race are members of a special committee of Boxford and Topsfield Committeemen to study a future district organization; and R. Crandall serves on another special committee to study merit salary plans for possible local implementation.

**Financial**

The pupil enrollment on October 1, 1965 was 525. By October 1, 1966, the enrollment had reached 563. A further increase to 601 has been projected for the enrollment in the fall of 1967.

Consequently provision has been made in the 1967 Budget for two additional teaching positions to be added in September if necessary. Provision has also been made to return the Aaron Wood School to school use. Provision has also been made for an expanded physical education program and an expanded school library program.

The change in the major accounts is noted below:

Account	Appropriation 1966	Budget 1967	Increase Decrease	Per Cent of Change
Administration	\$ 9,448	\$ 10,611	\$ 1,163	12.30%
Instruction	179,258	195,864	16,606	9.26%
Other School Service	35,018	41,734	6,716	19.18%
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	27,805	29,665	1,860	6.69%
Fixed Charges	4,100	4,500	400	9.76%
Community Services	660	300	— 360	— 5.45%
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	1,620	851	— 769	— 47.47%
Programs With Other Communities	1,150	790	— 360	— 31.30%
Total	\$259,059	\$284,315	\$ 25,256	9.75%

The major increase is found in the *Instruction Account*, totaling \$195,864, much of which is occasioned by changes in the *Teaching Salaries Account*. The following factors contribute to the increase for instruction:

1. The impact for a full year of normal salary increments effective in September, 1966.
2. The impact for the full year of salary increases, effective in September, 1966.
3. The impact for the period of September-December, 1967 of normal salary increments effective in September, 1967.
4. The impact for the period of September-December, 1967 of salary increases granted to be effective in September, 1967.

5. The impact of salary for a full year for the teaching position added in September, 1966.
6. The impact of salary for the period September-December 1967 for two additional teaching positions to be added in September, 1967.
7. The impact of provision of funds for a full time physical education teacher in September, 1967 in place of the present 40% of full time position.
8. The provision of a sum for the first time to provide for paid library consultant and clerical services and attendant supplies and materials.

Comments on other significant changes which may require explanation follow:

1. The increase of \$651 in the *Secretarial Salaries, Superintendent's Office* reflects in part Boxford's share (38%) of the cost for making the present part time secretarial position a full time position, effective January, 1967. There will now be two full time secretaries in this office.
2. An increase of \$4,625 in the *Regular Pupil Transportation Account* is occasioned by the addition of a bus to alleviate crowding and overly long routes on certain bus runs. There will now be a total of seven (7) buses transporting more than five hundred (500) bus riders.
3. The increase of \$1,890 in the *Food Service Account* reflects provision for employing of six persons to supervise the pupils at the two schools during the lunch hours both in the cafeterias and on the playground..

The average pupil enrollment for 1966 was 540. Therefore a gross per pupil cost, based on the appropriation of \$259,059 is \$479.74. The projected average enrollment for 1967 is 578 pupils. Dividing the 1967 appropriation of \$284,315 by the projected average enrollment produces a gross per pupil cost of \$491.89.

In previous years it has been possible to make a firm estimate as to the amount of state reimbursement which would be received. Net per pupil costs after deducting reimburse-

ments have been presented. The 1965 reimbursements totaled over \$98,000, of which \$27,800 was allocated for secondary school purposes. However, the basic formula for state aid was changed completely with the passage of the Sales Tax Law in 1966. At this time figures are not available for 1966 receipts or 1967 estimates.

### **Collective Bargaining**

Chapter 763 of the Acts of 1965 was enacted by the General Court of Massachusetts, to become effective in February, 1966. The statute gave to municipal employees in the Commonwealth essentially the same rights to bargain collectively as are enjoyed by workers in private industries. School teachers and other school committee employees are included within the provisions of the act.

In June the school committee voted to recognize and designate the Boxford Teachers' Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for all classroom teachers and teacher specialists, said recognition and designation being for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours, and other conditions, and any questions arising thereunder.

In the fall representatives of the Boxford Teachers' Association formally presented seven proposals to the School Committee. These proposals dealt with a revision of the salary schedule, an extension of sick leave entitlement, the expansion of the physical education program, the length of the school year, the change from a 24-payment plan to a 26-payment plan, the reimbursement of teachers for courses completed, and the establishment of a salary differential for a specialist position. Following four sessions of bargaining between representatives of the Boxford Teachers' Association and the School Committee, agreement was reached on a new salary schedule and an amendment of the sick leave entitlements. The salary schedule, to be effective in September, 1967, is as follows:



Step	B	B+15	M	M+15	Prof. Cert.
1.	5500	5700	5900	6100	6300
2.	5800	6000	6200	6400	6600
3.	6000	6200	6400	6600	6800
4.	6300	6500	6700	6900	7100
5.	6500	6700	6900	7100	7300
6.	6700	6900	7100	7300	7500
7.	6900	7100	7300	7500	7700
8.	7100	7300	7500	7700	7900
9.	7300	7500	7700	7900	8100
10.	7600	7800	8000	8200	8400
11.	7900	8100	8300	8500	8700
12.	8200	8400	8600	8800	9000
13.			8900	9100	9300

The annual cost of adjustment to the new salary schedule from the current schedule is estimated to be \$12,300, of which one-third appears in the 1967 Budget. For comparison purposes, the current salary schedule is shown on page 125 of the 1965 Annual Report.

The amended section of the sick leave policy also to become effective in September, 1967, is as follows:

“SECTION 1. In case of personal illness, or accident, supervisors, principals and teachers who are regularly employed shall be allowed ten (10) days leave each school year. The unused portion of such leave may accumulate to a maximum of ninety (90) school days. Supervisors or teachers (not substitutes) who are on a part-time basis will have their leave, salary deductions, etc., computed on a pro-rata basis depending upon the number of days they are employed in the system each year.”

The full implications of Chapter 763, Acts of 1965, are just beginning to be glimpsed and will take several years to understand and be fully felt. Yet it is already clear that the decision



making authority of the school committee has been circumscribed. It is also clear that the process places another time consuming burden upon the school committee and the administrative personnel.

### School Facilities

During the current school year the Cole School and the Spofford Pond School have served to house very adequately the total enrollment. The enrollment per grade and school follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Cole	82	91	92	50			315
Spofford Pond				53	109	86	248
Town	82	91	92	103	109	86	563

Twelve of the thirteen classrooms at the Cole School are in use for regular classes. The other room is presently used for remedial reading. At the Spofford Pond School nine of the ten classrooms are in full regular use. The tenth room is used for remedial reading instruction in that building. The Wood School has been used as a police station for the past two years and the Morse School has been rented for the operation of a private kindergarten.

Tentative organization for the fall of 1967 provides for two additional classes, which will permit an organization of four classes at each grade level. To house the additional classes will require the return of the Wood School to school use.

The matter of future school needs is under consideration by both the School Building Committee and the School Committee. The two groups and the school superintendent work in close collaboration. The projection of future enrollment and facilities need are detailed in the report of the School Building Committee. These projections show a moderate growth during the next five years and do not require an immediate step toward additional facilities.

In spite of the fact that additional facilities are not being sought this year, the School Committee recommends most strongly that action be taken toward acquiring an additional school site at this time. There is little doubt that at least one additional elementary school site will eventually be needed. There is no doubt that a most suitable site could be reserved now at far less cost than would be the case ten years from now. In the unlikely event that such a site were acquired and not used for a school purpose, it could doubtless serve another worthwhile public purpose. If, on the other hand, the town should eventually wish to sell such land, its value would probably have increased greatly.

### **The Curriculum**

The school curriculum receives continuing attention at all times. Some subject or related curriculum aspect will be under review in any given year. During the 1965-1966 school year four committees were actually at work. These committees consisted of teachers and administrators representing both Boxford and Topsfield and various grade levels.

The work of the social studies committee culminated in a revision of the social studies course of study prepared originally in 1962. The revised guide, approved by the school committee, follows to a considerable extent the format of the earlier guide. Incorporated were new sections at each grade level dealing with the map and globe skills to be presented at each grade level. In the process of revision discussions were held with Masconomet and Middleton personnel to assure a coordinated approach.

The major topics at each grade level follow:

- Grade 1. Types of Homes, Life in the Home, Life on the Farm, The School, and The Zoo.
- Grade 2. Living in the Community, Workers in the Community, Communication, and Transportation.
- Grade 3. A first survey of representative areas of the United States is presented. Basic geographic understandings are

combined with broad, general ideas about the way people live, work, and make use of their environment in this country.

**Grade 4.** One major topic is a study of the history and geography of the child's own community. The remainder of the year's work is concerned with a survey of representative areas throughout the world.

**Grade 5.** The major emphasis is to present to the students a general view of the major historical and geographical understandings of the United States. A rudimentary survey of sequential American history is offered in conjunction with a detailed study of the geography of each region of the country.

**Grade 6.** The sixth grade focus is on Canada and the Latin Americas. As with the fifth grade program, both the historical and the geographical concepts are developed.

The committee on reporting practices prepared a revised report card which has been adopted for use in both Boxford and Topsfield. It was hoped to develop a card which was meaningful and clear to the parents and pupils. The new card was first used for the November report.

Initial reactions from parents and teachers indicate a favorable acceptance. It should be noted that the same committee is continuing its study of reporting practices during the current school year in the hope that a radically different approach to our reporting system might eliminate problems inherent in a so-called competitive system of reporting achievement.

Two other committees prepared reports on investigations during the 1965-1966 school year. The first dealt with the so-called nongraded school organization, which appears to be a current trend nationally at the elementary level. The report provided a considerable exploration of the nature of non-gradedness, noted that some of the characteristic practices of a nongraded school were already in operation locally, and recommended that further study be made for possible greater implementation locally. The second report detailed the study

by a committee investigating the nature and use of programmed instructional materials for elementary school use. Again some programmed materials are in use locally. Instances of their use are found in primary reading, intermediate arithmetic, and intermediate social studies.

The School Committee approved a course of study in music prepared by the very capable Supervisor of Music, Mrs. Alice Farnsworth Boffetti. The course of study presents in a concise fashion the music skills to be emphasized at each grade level. Stress is laid upon an early knowledge of music theory which paves the way for substantial vocal performance by the pupils.

### **School Lunch Program**

The 1965-1966 school year was another successful year in the operation of the school lunch program at the two schools. The percentage of participation by pupils averages about 75%. The cost per meal has remained at \$ .25. The National School Lunch Act provides a subsidy payment of \$ .09 per meal and certain commodities for a small service charge. The program continued to be self-supporting during the school year 1965-1966 as detailed below:

#### **1965 - 1966 School Year**

Total Income Based on Sales		\$25,800.31
Expenditures		
Food	\$14,158.91	
Wages	9,663.30	
Equipment	800.04	
Other	1,002.69	
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		\$25,624.94
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Profit		\$175.37

It should be noted that government commodities were less plentiful during much of 1966 and it appears that there will

be fewer commodities in the future. National food surpluses are much smaller than has been the case for years. Prices of food have also risen a great deal during the past year. The first three months of the 1966-1967 school year has shown a loss of over \$200. A continuation of the trend toward fewer commodities and higher food prices will bring about the need for a higher price per meal or the appropriation of tax funds for direct support of the program.

### Health Services

Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Hunter, School Nurse, and Dr. James E. Brackbill, School Physician, a comprehensive health program was carried on, especially in those areas related to school programs. The height and weight of each child is recorded annually. Ill and injured pupils are cared for until the parents can assume responsibility.

Other services included are:

Physical Examinations	97 pupils — 7 referrals
Vision Tests	534 pupils — 29 referrals
Hearing Test	536 pupils — 14 referrals
Tuberculosis Tine Test	56 pupils — 9 referrals
Diphtheria-Tetanus Innoculation	98 pupils
Flu Vaccine	School Staff

Note should be made that during the past year the opportunity was provided for testing the vision of pre-schoolers several months prior to school entrance. Fifty-eight children were tested and referrals made in sufficient time that remedial measures could be taken prior to beginning of school.

Another added service this year was the tine testing of school personnel to screen for indications of tuberculosis. All school personnel are required by statute to be certified as free from tuberculosis and such certification previously had been done through X-ray. Now the Department of Public Health will accept the tine test for such certification.



### **Regional Cooperation**

Continuing effort is made to assure a high level of coordination among the three elementary systems in the region and the regional school. Regular meetings are held by the superintendents to bring about common policies and practices where practical and desirable. Joint meetings of personnel from all four systems are held periodically to discuss various aspects of the curriculum and organizations.

Under study during the past year has been the development of a unified transportation system. It is felt that the use of the same vehicles to transport first the secondary pupils and then the elementary pupils could result in a significant reduction in cost by avoiding the costs of capital outlay for two sets of vehicles. It is stressed that the tentative plans call for no conveyance of both elementary and secondary pupils on the same bus runs. Rather the scheduled openings of the secondary and elementary schools would be adjusted to permit delivery at school of the Masconomet pupils prior to the pick-up and delivery of the elementary pupils. All present school bus contracts expire in June, 1968. Attempts are being made to prepare specifications and bidding procedures for the receipt of bids in January, 1968, to be effective for a three-year period starting September, 1968.

### **Federal Programs**

The Federal Government is playing an increasingly more influential role in public education and its influence is being felt locally. A brief description follows of the various programs in which the local school participates:

#### **National Defense Education Act**

Public Law 864, the National Defense Education Act, was passed in 1958 and revised in 1964. The act resulted from Congressional action to the launching of Sputnik I by the Soviet Union and was designed to bring about improvements in the so-called critical areas of instruction such as science, mathe-



matics, and foreign languages by providing funds under Title III for that purpose. In 1964 the act was broadened to include English, reading, history, and geography.

As presently operating, a school system must first submit a long-range program of improvement in each of the subject areas in which project applications will be submitted. Then a project application is prepared in each of the individual subject areas. Upon approval by the Department of Education, the local system makes the purchases and subsequently applies for reimbursement for 50% of the expenditures. Projects usually call for the acquisition of equipment and materials which will be used directly by the teacher and the pupils in classwork. Through these projects considerable projection equipment, many filmstrips, reference books, and other materials have been purchased for the local schools.

Fifteen projects have been completed over the past few years totaling \$7,706 in expenditures, with a reimbursement of 50%. Applications for a science project and a geography project have recently been completed, and now await approval of the Department of Education.

### **Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965**

Public Law 89-10, the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 has five titles or sections. The local schools are participating in projects under three of these titles.

TITLE I is designed to strengthen elementary and secondary school programs for educationally deprived children in low income areas. Based on 1960 census data supplied by the Secretary of State, Boxford was determined to have an entitlement of \$4,500 for the 1966-1967 school year. A project application was submitted to the Department of Education in September and received quick approval. The program established under this project was the provision of teacher-coaches to work in the first and second grade classrooms at the Cole School. Four teacher-coaches were employed and commenced work in October. These teacher-coaches, under the direction and supervision of the classroom teacher, give supportive

assistance to those pupils requiring considerable help and individual attention. The function of these teacher-coaches is to work with individuals and small groups of children on study activities, the completion of workbook pages, and practice exercises. This will include checking papers, assisting with corrections, motivating better work habits, explaining procedures, explaining concepts and examples, and providing a ready source of reference for a confused or unsure child. At the time of writing, the program has been in operation for some ten weeks and no objective measures are available to evaluate the program. However, the subjective opinion of the participating teachers and administrators is highly favorable. Continuation of the program beyond the current school year is dependent upon the future availability of federal funds and the approval of applications by the Department of Education.

TITLE II has as its major focus the improvement of school libraries by providing funds for the acquisition of library books and periodicals. The program was operated by the Division of Library Extension under the Department of Education. From the total amount of money made available to Massachusetts an entitlement was determined for each town based on enrollment and the valuation of the towns, with larger entitlements going to the less wealthy communities. Boxford's entitlement was \$1,218. Following approval of the project application and the long-range plan for the local school libraries, purchases of books were made in the total amount of the project. The books purchased included reference materials in science and social studies as well as literary materials. Selections of titles were made on recommendations of teachers and administrators. The school libraries have made substantial progress in the past few years. The combined collections now exceed the 2000 book mark and a valuable school library program is developing. Federal funds from the above title have helped considerably in the acquisition of books, while the local appropriation has provided many books and the professional and clerical services. Consideration is now being given to the development of a coordinated town library-school library program.

TITLE III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is designed to promote innovations and exemplary educational centers and services. Under this title local systems individually or collectively may submit project applications to the United States Office of Education seeking funds to carry on a local planning or operational grant to develop new services, approaches, or techniques. A long-standing concern of education locally and nationally has been the inadequacy of present systems of reporting school progress to parents and their possible negative effect on pupils and on the instructional program. Local administrators of the elementary school systems in Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield, and the Masconomet System submitted a joint application for a project to devise a new method of reporting to parents. Most reports of pupil progress are comparisons of a student's achievement with that of other pupils or of grade standards. It is hoped that a new report card can be developed which would show in a positive way the specific accomplishments made in each subject area.

The application for a planning grant was submitted in May and was approved with a funding of \$9,850, one of the approximately ten percent of applications approved during the federal fiscal year. The planning project made possible the employment of a project director for the period from September, 1966 through January, 1967, and the securing of consultant services from professors of area colleges. At present the project director, under the direction of the systems' administrators, is preparing an operational project application for submission to the Office of Education. This application would provide funds for a continuing program over a period of three to five years for development and gradual implementation of a new reporting system. Hopefully, approval will be secured to permit the realization of the tremendous potential possible.

In conclusion, the above narration of the federal programs having direct impact on the local school systems should bring full cognizance to citizens of the increasing federal involvement in public education. It should be noted that participation

in these programs requires a large amount of paper work, much administrative and clerical time, and adherence to federal guidelines for these programs. It is necessary that there be full awareness of the need for maintaining a fine balance between local initiative and federal direction of these programs.

**ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER 1, 1966****HARRY LEE COLE**

Grade	1	2	3	4	Totals
Boys	40	46	41	26	153
Girls	42	45	51	24	162
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	82	91	92	50	315

**SPOFFORD POND**

Grade	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	30	63	44	137
Girls	23	46	42	111
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	53	109	86	248

**SCHOOL CENSUS**

Ages	5 - 7	7 - 16	16 - 21	Totals
Boys	51	443	61	555
Girls	68	399	66	533
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	119	842	127	1088

**No-School Signal**

No-school announcements will be broadcast over WESX, WHAV, and WNAC between 7:00 and 7:30 A.M., if there is no school for the day. Announcements regarding "No School" are made by the Boxford Superintendent for the Boxford Elementary schools only. Announcements for the Masconomet Regional High School will be made by the Regional Superintendent and will be designated "Masconomet Regional High School."

In addition three long blasts will be given on the local fire alarm at 7:15 A.M. to designate no school for the elementary classes (grades one through six) for the day.

During stormy or extremely cold weather, parents are urged to exercise their own judgment in sending their children to school.

**Vaccination**

State law requires vaccination as a condition for admission to a public school. Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter prior to the spring registration of Grade 1 if possible.



**SCHOOL CALENDAR****1966-1967 School Year**

January 3 .....	School Reopens
February 17 .....	Winter Recess—Close Regular Time
February 27 .....	School Reopens
March 24 .....	Good Friday—No School
March 29 .....	Teachers' Convention—No School
April 14 .....	Spring Recess
April 24 .....	School Reopens
May 30 .....	Memorial Day—No School
June 23 .....	Summer Vacation—Close at Noon

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September 6 .....	School in Session—Dismissal at Noon
September 7 .....	School Opens Full Sessions
October 12 .....	Columbus Day—No School
November 22 .....	Thanksgiving Recess—Dismissal at Noon
November 27 .....	School Reopens
December 22 ..	Christmas Recess—School Closes Regular Time
January 2 .....	School Reopens
February 16 .....	Winter Recess—School Closes Regular Time
February 26 .....	School Reopens
March 27 .....	Teachers' Convention—No School
April 11 .....	Spring Recess—School Closes Regular Time
April 22 .....	School Reopens
May 30 .....	Memorial Day—No School
June 21 .....	School Closes for Summer Vacation at Noon

(Subject to Change)

## TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

As of January 1, 1967

Name	Grade or Subject	School	Appoint- ment	Graduate of
Joseph P. Ritchie	Principal	Elementary	1956	Boston College
Joseph Carnevale	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1964	Boston University
Helen E. Chadwick	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1955	Bridgewater State College
Mary A. Welch	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1958	Bridgewater State College
Joseph F. Bateman, Jr.	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1966	Salem State College
Ruth E. Morin	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1950	Hyannis State College
Agnes Schmitt	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1966	Northwestern University
Kathleen Whitley	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1966	St. Lawrence University
Isabella A. Griffin	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1961	Regis College
Donna A. McDuff	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1965	Salem State College
Barbara R. Benson	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1962	University of Illinois
Frank J. Risoldi	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1966	North Texas State
Nancy J. Barnett	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1966	Colby College
Sherry S. Chew	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1963	Goucher College
Marie Kelley	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1959	Salem State College
Billie G. McBane	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1966	Sterling College

Dorothy M. Carver	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1939	Salem State College
Dorothy A. Clark	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1966	University of Massachusetts
Virginia E. Douglass	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1964	Salem State College
Enid J. Davis	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1961	South Conn. State College
Barbara A. Horn	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1964	Lesley College
Patricia A. Reed	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1966	Lyndon State
Winifred Zar	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1964	Hunter College
George E. Lane	Art		1965	Tufts University
Alice F. Boffetti	Music		1964	N. E. Conserv. of Music
Helen M. Vautin	Physical Ed.		1965	Douglas College
Dorothea D'Agostino	Reading		1960	Farmington State
Lois R. Crane	School Adjustment		1962	Boston University
	Counselor			
Carlotta Miller	Speech		1966	Boston University

**BOXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

	<b>Expended 1966</b>	<b>Budget 1967</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
School Committee		
Salary of Clerk	\$190.13	\$300.00
Other Expense	177.53	250.00
Superintendent's Office		
Salary	5,626.56	5,871.00
Salaries, Secretarial	2,803.01	3,421.00
Census	100.00	100.00
Supplies and Materials	314.44	342.00
Travel-in-state	224.00	248.00
Travel-out-of-state	399.56	79.00
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	\$9,835.23	\$10,611.00
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>		
Supervision		
Rinehart Handwriting	\$390.00	\$450.00
Principals		
Salaries	9,333.28	10,267.00
Salaries, Secretarial	4,160.33	4,648.00
Supplies	283.52	150.00
Other Expense	269.25	225.00
Teaching		
Salaries—Regular	139,966.77	155,403.00
Salaries—Special	9,445.32	11,064.00
Salaries—Substitute	3,264.00	2,624.00
Salaries—Home Bound	457.73	300.00
Supplies and Materials		
General	3,096.84	3,350.00
Workbooks	1,533.73	2,200.00
Physical Education	184.45	300.00
Music	95.00	100.00
Remedial Reading	179.36	200.00
Workshop and Conference Expense	267.95	250.00

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Textbook Program		
Basic and Supplemental	2,852.53	2,400.00
Remedial Reading	63.25	100.00
Music Texts	142.90	150.00
Library Services		
Consultant and Clerical		1,033.00
Supplies and Materials		300.00
Audio Visual Program		
Supplies and Materials	194.10	250.00
Guidance Services		
Supplies and Materials	770.95	675.00
Educational Television		
Supplies and Materials	131.25	425.00
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	\$177,081	\$195,864.00

## OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance		
Attendance Officer	\$10.00	\$10.00
School Adjustment Counselor	3,266.56	3,507.00
Psychiatric Consultant Service	158.34	150.00
Other Expense	46.24	50.00
Health Services		
Nurse	1,674.40	1,702.00
Physician	500.00	500.00
Supplies and Materials	45.18	50.00
Pupil Transportation		
Contracted Services		
Regular	27,455.50	32,075.00
Educational Trips	245.50	300.00
Vocational	92.00	150.00
Food Service	1,595.50	9,209.00
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	\$35,089.22	\$41,734.00

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Operation of Plant		
Custodial Services	\$13,859.77	\$14,840.00

Supplies and Materials	1,831.80	2,000.00
Heating Buildings		
Oil	4,808.74	5,275.00
Utility Services		
Light and Power	3,856.94	3,960.00
Telephones—Schools	420.30	400.00
Telephones—Administration	108.68	135.00
Maintenance of Plant		
Maintenance of Grounds		
Care of Grounds	693.97	500.00
Waste Removal	406.15	650.00
Other	8.10	25.00
Maintenance of Buildings		
Repairs and Upkeep		
Specific	1,199.88	860.00
Emergency	770.42	700.00
Maintenance of Equipment		
Schools—Specific	80.30	130.00
Emergency	152.48	100.00
Administrative Office		15.00
Replacement of Equipment		
Schools—Emergency	46.13	50.00
Administrative Office		25.00
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	\$28,243.66	\$29,665.00
<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>		
Insurance Program	\$3,602.62	\$4,500.00
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>		
Civic Activities		
Reimbursable Janitor Salaries	\$170.00	\$300.00
<b>ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Acquisition of Equipment		
Schools	\$1,100.18	\$351.00
Library (new or add.)	457.29	500.00
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	\$1,557.47	\$851.00



## PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition — Elementary	\$40.00	\$200.00
Tuition — Vocational	800.00	540.00
Tuition — Adult Education	65.80	50.00
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	\$905.80	\$790.00
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TOTAL	\$256,485.51	\$284,315.00

## SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

Held over from 1965 Budget	\$1,059.79
P. L. 864—Title III	562.14
P. L. 874—Federal Aid	1,065.33
P. L. 89-10—ESEA—Title I	1,257.44

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has reviewed all of the 1967 budget requests with the different department heads and the committees of the Town. We feel that the requests recommended for the 1967 budget are valid and reasonable.

The Finance Committee transferred the following amounts to different department accounts from the Reserve Fund during the last year:

- \$ 200.00 Additional funds to purchase Police Cruiser
- 4,400.00 Police Department
- 331.94 Interest on Loans
- 462.48 Snow Removal
- 44.50 Group Life and Hospital Insurance
- 3.51 Assessors

The Finance Committee would like to call to the attention of the citizens the pattern of increases in the Town budget over the past few years. Using the average of the 1957-1959 budgets as a starting point, the 1966 budget was up 250% or an average increase of 17.3% per year. Breaking this figure down it shows a gain in schools and libraries of 430% of 23.1% per year. The cost of local government has increased 78% or a gain of 6.9% per year.

The population of the Town has grown at an average rate of 8.4% per year and the tax rate has climbed at an average rate of 5.4%. One of the reasons that the tax rate has not grown at a higher rate during the recent years is that the property valuation of the Town has been increasing at the average rate of 11.3% per year.

A new addition to the Regional School is being planned at the present time and will be submitted to the member towns this year for approval. A change in the state laws now require a period of physical education for each student every day. If the Regional School is forced to comply 100% with the letter of the law in this contemplated building, this new addition will have to provide the facilities and will nearly double the building cost to the member towns.

If this bond issue for the new construction fails to pass this year in the member towns of the Region, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Town should take immediate steps to provide the necessary space to prevent the need of double sessions in the Regional School. One of these steps might be to form a committee to investigate the feasibility and advisability of changing the existing Regional agreement and have the member towns provide schools for the seventh and eighth grades in the local school system.

The Finance Committee has again this year attended the budget sessions of both the Regional and the local school committees. We attend these meetings for the purpose of securing information about their budgets, but we do not by law have any right to recommend or reject these respective budgets. In fact, the people of the Town are in the exact same position and their only control of the school budgets lies in their power to elect the members of the respective school committees.

The Finance Committee has tried to eliminate any capital expense items from the Budget and have these items appear in the Town Warrant. This enables the voters to be fully aware of capital expenses and to express their opinions at the Town Meeting. We recommend that all items that deal with the raising of funds to be only voted on at the annual Town Meeting because this is the only meeting where there is a good representation of the Town voters.

The Finance Committee has and will continue to support the Planning Board, Appeals Board, and Conservation Commission in their efforts in meeting the requirements and objectives of the Zoning By-law to protect the present and future property values of the Town. We feel that there is a necessity to provide the proper legal framework to enforce the compliance of these laws in a strict manner.

The Finance Committee recommends a change in the present accounting and fiscal procedures of the Town. At the present time some checks are written and given to the recipients without prior approval of the Selectmen. It is our

recommendation that this should not be done since the Selectmen are required to approve such matters before payments can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

DeWITT T. MINICH

JOHN G. BOLTON

ALLEN E. GRIFFIN

ROBERT C. BUELL

CARLYLE W. THOMAS

Finance Committee

**WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Masconomet Regional School, Boxford, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and to see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 or other suitable sum, for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$15,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1967 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one

year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 7. To appropriate the sum of money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be used in conjunction with an allotment from the State under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction.

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Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500.00 or some lesser amount for the Conservation Fund.

Article 13. To see whether the Town will vote to grant an easement to the town of Georgetown to lay and maintain a water pipe across and along Killam Hill Road from the Georgetown line and along King George Drive to a point at lots 46 and 47 on King George Drive and to install and maintain a hydrant within the limits of King George Drive.

Article 14. To see whether the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the town by-laws providing that sick leave for town employees may accumulate to sixty days, or take any action in the matter.

Article 15. To see whether the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the town by-law increasing the paid vaca-



tion to which town employees may be entitled, and providing for additional paid holidays; or take any action in the matter.

Article 16. To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00, or other suitable sum, for an Honor Roll of Town Veterans, including veterans of the Korean and Vietnam actions, and to replace the flag at the West Boxford War Memorial; or take any action in the matter.

Article 17. To ratify and confirm the deed given to Earle Blake et ux. pursuant to the vote taken at the June 14, 1966 special Town Meeting, the description having been varied to some extent from that voted.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to acquire for one dollar from Leonard Nangle (et ux.) a strip of land at the corner of Kelsey Road and Route 97 to allow for highway improvement.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to acquire from North Bennett Street Industrial School a parcel of land adjoining the town dump property, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 or any other proper sum therefor.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept Adams Road as a public road.

Article 21. To see whether the Town will accept a deed for no consideration of Carleton Circle, including a 250 foot square surrounding the turn-around and the street as far as Adams Road as shown on plan of Section No. 1 of Eagle Nest Hill, (May 1966, Brasseuy Associates), or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see whether the Town will accept the provisions of General Laws Ch. 152 Sec. 69, as amended, relative to workman's compensation for town employees.

Article 23. To see whether the Town will authorize the Selectmen to make a flat charge for use of the town ambulance facilities.

Article 24. To see what action the Town may take relative to the disposition of the town ambulance.

Article 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the present police cruiser and raise and

appropriate a sum of money to purchase and equip, for the Police Department, with the advice of the Chief of Police, a vehicle to be used as a police cruiser-ambulance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see whether the Town will vote to create a special unpaid Vocational Regional School District Planning Committee, to study and make plans for the formation of a vocational regional school district, and to provide for the appointment and membership of such committee, and to raise and appropriate a suitable sum for the expenses of such committee, or take any action in the matter.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of repairs to Engine No. 6.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of a new compressor and horn system for the East Boxford Fire Station.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or other suitable sum, to erect a stone wall, re-align gravestones, clean out brush and trim trees, and maintain the town cemetery at the corner of Mill Run Road and Main Street.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00, or any other sum, for the construction of a Back-Stop for the base ball field at Boy Scout Park.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a transmitter for the Civil Defense Department.

Article 32. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five persons to study the procedures of enforcement of the Zoning By-Laws of the town and the duties of Building Inspector and report to the next annual town meeting regarding improvements to such procedures. Said committee is to be composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Board of Appeals and two interested citizens.

Article 33. To see whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of engaging the services of an architectural firm to undertake a space requirement study incorporating future needs for all town public service departments and to include use of land and exterior design of buildings.

That the Planning Board be authorized to appoint a special committee of not more than five citizens for this purpose, and that said committee be instructed and authorized to proceed with the study, including the engaging of architectural services and to report its findings to the Town not later than the next annual town meeting.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,700.00, or other suitable sum, for the installation of a water supply and lavatory and \$2,300.00, or other suitable sum, for the installation of a fire escape at the Boxford Village Public Library, in order to meet the State requirements for a building used for public purposes.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Moderator appoint a Committee consisting of five persons: one from the Board of Assessors, one from the local School Committee, one from the Masconomet Regional School Committee, one from the School Building Committee and one from the Finance Committee to study the possibility and feasibility of withdrawing from the Regional High School grades seven and eight and providing within our local system for these grades. This Committee to report at any special town meeting and at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00, or other suitable sum, for the Boxford Water and Drainage Committee.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,250.00 to purchase one new sander, two used chassis and cabs, and one used pickup truck for Highway Department, or take any action in the matter.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 or other suitable sum for the im-

provement of a section of Main Street in West Boxford, or take any action in the matter.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for Boxford's share in the operational expenses of the Child Guidance Center of the Mental Health Association of the North Shore.

Article 40. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Lincoln Hall, Precinct 2, West Boxford, on Tuesday, the seventh day of March next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for one year; Selectman for three years; Assessor of Taxes for three years; Town Treasurer for three years; Collector of Taxes for one year; Member of the Board of Health for three years; Member of the Board of Health for two years; Highway Surveyor for one year; Tree Warden for one year; Constable, East Parish, for one year; Constable, West Parish, for one year; Member of the Planning Board for five years; Two Members of the School Committee for three years; One Member of the Regional District School Committee for three years; Three Library Trustees for three years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 1:00 P.M.

AND WILL CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of February in the  
year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

HARRY L. COLE

JOHN EVANS

CLAYTON B. LARRABEE

Board of Selectmen



**SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1967**

Selectmen .....	\$1,450.00
Board of Public Welfare .....	300.00
Assessors .....	2,500.00
Treasurer .....	1,500.00
Town Clerk .....	600.00
Collector of Taxes .....	2,000.00
Town Accountant .....	4,000.00
Registrars .....	300.00
Elections .....	400.00
Planning Board .....	300.00
Appeal Board .....	700.00
Building Inspector .....	1,000.00
Wire Inspector .....	1,000.00
Gas Inspector .....	500.00
Plumbing Inspector .....	650.00
Finance Committee .....	25.00
Town Counsel .....	1,000.00
Recreation Committee .....	1,600.00
Board of Health .....	5,200.00
Inspection of Slaughter .....	600.00
Inspection of Animals .....	50.00
Dog Officer .....	200.00
Police .....	32,000.00
Fire Department .....	18,000.00
Tree Warden .....	2,000.00
Moth Suppression .....	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease .....	2,000.00
Public Welfare .....	} 16,760.00
Disability Assistance .....	
Aid to Dependent Children .....	
Old Age Assistance .....	
Medical Aid to Aged .....	} 1,326.00
Central Essex Welfare District Administration .....	
Veterans' Benefits .....	1,500.00
Schools — Town .....	284,315.00
Regional District School .....	407,234.52



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Libraries .....	16,000.00
Selectmen's Highway Fund .....	2,500.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance .....	3,400.00
Snow Removal .....	24,000.00
Street Lighting .....	900.00
Vacation Account .....	2,400.00
Sick Benefit .....	750.00
Town Halls .....	2,000.00
Public Grounds .....	300.00
Town Forest .....	100.00
Civil Defense .....	200.00
Insurance .....	6,387.60
Memorial Day .....	525.00
Soldiers' Graves .....	225.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery .....	50.00
Harmony Cemetery .....	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery .....	150.00
Town Reports .....	1,700.00
Clerical .....	2,500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund .....	1,400.00
Interest on Maturing Debt and Temporary Loan ..	3,600.00
School House Notes .....	31,000.00
Community House .....	300.00
Conservation Committee .....	50.00
Group Hospital and Life Insurance .....	4,500.00
Water Commission .....	250.00

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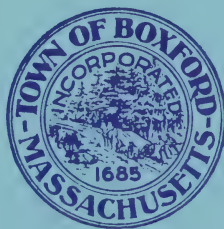
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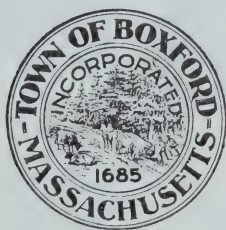
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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Charles H. Foster, Sr.**

1884 - 1966

Inspector of Slaughtering  
1963 - 1966

**Rita A. Greenler**

1914 - 1967

Registrar of Voters 1953 - 1967



**Stephen Maddock**

1898 - 1967

School Committee 1946 - 1949  
Board of Health 1957 - 1967  
President, Essex County  
Greenbelt Association  
1961 - 1967



**Melvin William Smallwood**

1902 - 1967

Planning Board  
Sub-committee on Roads  
1960 - 1967

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**TOWN OFFICERS****BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1968
John Evans	Term expires 1969
Clayton B. Larrabee	Term expires 1970

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Selectmen

**CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT**

Leo Jeghelian, Director (Resigned)	Maurice L. Medoff, Director
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**NORTH ANDOVER and BOXFORD DISTRICT****DEPT. OF VETERANS' SERVICE**

Bernard E. Bingham, District Director

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Chester K. Twiss	Term expires 1968
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1969
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1970

**TOWN TREASURER**

Helen L. Benulis	Term expires 1970
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**TOWN CLERK**

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1968
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1968

**MODERATOR**

William J. Greenler, Jr.

**COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Frederick A. Smallman



SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Peter K. Race	Term expires 1968
A. Gordon Price	Term expires 1969
James H. Heeremans	Term expires 1969
Webster B. Brockelman, Jr.	Term expires 1970
Albert D. Wood	Term expires 1970

BOARD OF HEALTH

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1968
Stephen Maddock, M.D. (Deceased)	
Una K. Bakewell	Term expires 1969
Charles H. Pinkham, 2nd	Term expires 1970

TREE WARDEN

Robert E. Hebb

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

Clinton E. French

CONSTABLES

Cecil H. Farnsworth	Walter H. Gamans, Jr.
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CHIEF OF POLICE

Douglas A. Warren

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Robert E. Hebb

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Amy G. Parkhurst	Harry E. Trask
Richard P. Chadwick	

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley	Term expires 1968
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CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charles E. Killam

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William H. Greenler, D.V.M.

## INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

Samuel E. Lawes

## TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Archer N. French

## DOG OFFICER

Donald E. Hughes

## FOREST WARDEN

Charles E. Killam

## FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

## REGIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Hans W. Barber, resigned

Term expires 1968

Edward C. Bryant

Term expires 1968

Shirley L. MacGill

Term expires 1969

Lewis C. Doggett

Term expires 1970

## PLANNING BOARD

Charles P. A. Nelson

Term expires 1968

E. Laurence Colby

Term expires 1969

J. Warren Chadwick

Term expires 1970

William E. Dorman

Term expires 1970

Warren R. Godfrey (Resigned)

Term expires 1971

David L. Pitt

Term expires 1971

Craig E. Falk

Term expires 1968

Charles L. Cotton

Term expires 1972

## CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Henry W. Nason

John M. Moore

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

## WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

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GAS INSPECTOR  
Gardner W. Starrett

PLUMBING INSPECTOR  
Harold L. Galloway

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1967
Robert P. Parkhurst	Term expires 1968
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1969

FINANCE COMMITTEE

DeWitt T. Minich	Term expires 1968
Allen E. Griffin, (Resigned)	Term expires 1969
Richard R. DeMark	Term expires 1969
Carlyle W. Thomas	Term expires 1969
Robert C. Buell	Term expires 1970
John G. Bolton	Term expires 1970

TOWN COUNSEL  
William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Simeon Locke, M.D.	Term expires 1967
Roland W. Butters	Term expires 1968
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1969

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

John P. Marsh	Term expires 1967
Richard Spofford	Term expires 1968
Donald Scutiére	Term expires 1969

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Shirley MacGill	Term expires 1968
A. Gordon Price	Term expires 1968
John J. Hudson	Term expires 1969
Lucille S. Getz	Term expires 1969
Edmond J. Mead, Jr.	Term expires 1970

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Stuart K. Harris	Term expires 1968
Edward L. French, (Resigned)	Term expires 1968
Robson E. Shelly	Term expires 1968
Dorothy Woodbury, (Resigned)	Term expires 1969
Catherine Thomas	Term expires 1969
Earle O. Latham	Term expires 1969
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1970

## SPECIAL POLICE

Clinton E. French	Harold O. Sederquest
Ethel Walker	Paul A. Genest
Walter H. Gamans, Jr.	Richard W. Pratt
Fred D. Newell, Jr.	Joseph A. Pageau
James T. Stromberg	David French
C. Richard Cunningham	William Stone
Charles N. Love	Walter Strobel, Jr.

## RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson	Ernest K. Mortimer
Horace D. Moore	Francis S. Smith

## SWORN WEIGHERS

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

## FIELD DRIVERS

## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

John R. Benson	Term expires 1968
Louis Vrettos	Term expires 1969
Frederick B. Monell, Jr.	Term expires 1970
John Stuart Haywood	Term expires 1971
Peter K. Race	From School Committee
A. Gordon Price	From School Committee
Albert D. Wood	From School Committee

## WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Patricia Bailly	Donald J. Scutiene
Buell L. Bassette	William A. Cheney
Clayton A. Nelson	

# LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Milton E. Lord	Term expires 1968
John F. G. Eichon	Term expires 1968
Virginia B. Waters	Term expires 1968
Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1969
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1969
Catherine T. Thomas	Term expires 1969
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1970
Richard P. Chadwick	Term expires 1970
H. Irene Latham	Term expires 1970

## BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1965 census) 3004.

Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Third Essex Senatorial District and in the Eleventh Essex Representative District.

The Senator is William L. Saltonstall, 388 Summer Street, Manchester, Massachusetts.

The Representatives are Belden G. Bly, Jr., 46 Auburn Street, Saugus, and Russell H. Craig, 35 Monroe Street, Lynnfield.

The Building Inspector is Henry W. Nason, Washington Street, West Boxford, Telephone 352-2323.

The Wire Inspector is Herbert W. Sperry, Main St., West Boxford. Telephone 352-2470.

The Sanitary Engineer is Tracy I. Flagg, 111 Collins Street, Danvers. Telephone (evenings) 774-4979.

The Gas Inspector is Gardner W. Starrett, Middleton Road. Telephone 887-5058.

The Plumbing Inspector is Harold R. Galloway, Middleton Road, Boxford. Telephone 887-2232.



**LIST OF JURORS — 1967-1968**

- Anderson, Thomas J., engineer, Cedar Street, Boxford.  
Bickford, Stanley M., engineer, Georgetown Road, Boxford.  
Brooks, Donald A., purchasing agent, Mill Road, Boxford.  
Clay, George R., retired, off Main Street, West Boxford.  
Connor, Raymond J., retired, Middleton Road, Boxford.  
Curtis, LeRoy E., telephone engineer, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.  
Curtis, Otis E., industrial worker, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.  
Dodge, Harold L., Sr., laborer, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford.  
Durkee, Roy C., machinist, Depot Road, Boxford.  
Eaton, Forrest G., executive, Middleton Road, Boxford.  
Edwards, Mary M., housewife, Cross Road, Boxford.  
Griffin, Almon H., supervisor, Hemlock Road, Boxford.  
Hitchcock, Crosby, telephone employee, Middleton Road, Boxford.  
Hoogerzeil, Norman P., inspector, Depot Road, Boxford.  
Kane, Mildred E., housewife, Woodcrest Road, Boxford.  
Kastrinelis, Peter L., engineer, Glen Forest Drive, Boxford.  
Larson, L. James, engineer, Stage Coach Road, Boxford.  
Lombard, Theodore L., banker, Herrick Road, Boxford.  
MacLennan, Wallace A., sales engineer, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.  
MacPherson, William E., nurseryman, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
McClung, Hugh A., foreman, Main Street, West Boxford.  
Monell, Frederick B., Jr., retired, Washington Street, West Boxford.  
Moore, Horace D., retired Depot Road, Boxford.  
Nickerson, Norman B., engineer, Depot Road, Boxford.  
Parkhurst, Robert P., machinist, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Price, Rosamond, housewife, Washington Street, West Boxford.  
Raciti, Joseph A., industrial engineer, Killam Hill Road, Boxford.  
Redman, Alma A., housewife, Hillside Road, Boxford.  
Rotsko, Alexander, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Schott, Warren B., Jr., engineer, Fish Brook Road, Boxford.



Shattuck, Otis E., retired, Ipswich Road, Boxford.

Shaw, Audrey M., housewife, Ipswich Road, Boxford.

Thomas, Carlyle W., shoe machinery, Baldpate Road, Boxford.

Verrengia, Beverly B., housewife, Valley Road, West Boxford.

Walker, Roland E., engineer, Chapman Road, Boxford.

Williams, Elizabeth, housewife, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1967**

The annual town meeting of Boxford was held at the Masconomet Regional School at 8 P.M., March 6, 1967 with William J. Greenler, Jr., presiding as Moderator. After a prayer by Reverend Donald Rosenberger, the articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted to adopt the suggested budget as printed in the Town Report.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$2500.00 for the Maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$15,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1967, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws,

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate the money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for the use of the Boxford libraries.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be used in conjunction with an allotment from the State under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6000.00 to be used in conjunction with the allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 10. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$37,100.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allot-

ments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of Micro-filming of records.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Conservation Fund.

Article 13. Voted to grant an easement to the Town of Georgetown to lay and maintain a waterpipe across and along Killam Hill Road from the Georgetown line and along King George Drive to a point at lots 46 and 47 on King George Drive, and to install and maintain a hydrant within the limits of King George Drive.

Article 14. Voted unanimously to amend the by-law relative to sick-leave as follows:

"All regular employees of the Town shall be granted paid sick leave at their regular rates of pay on the basis of work time at the rate of one day's pay for every twenty days of work. Such sick leave may accumulate up to but not exceeding sixty (60) days. No such sick-leave pay shall be paid to any employee who has not worked 1000 hours in the twelve months immediately preceding. Paid sick leave shall not be granted unless the employee shall have been called to report for work, and the head of the department shall so certify, nor, in case of more than 3 consecutive days absence, unless a doctor's certificate of inability to work shall be supplied to the Board of Selectmen.

Article 15. Voted unanimously to amend the by-law relative to Vacation and Paid Holidays as follows:

**"Section I.** All officers and employees of the town paid on the basis of time worked, except those appointed by the School Committee, shall be entitled to vacation leave without loss of pay as follows:

(a) For 1,000 hours worked during the twelve months ending June 1, of any year, forty hours leave for employees who have worked less than ten (10) years and sixty hours leave for employees who have worked ten (10) years or more.

(b) For each 200 hours worked in excess of 1,000 during the twelve months ending June 1 of each year, 8 hours leave for employees who have worked less than 10 years and 12 hours leave for employees who have worked ten years or more. No time shall be counted in units of less than 200 hours.

(c) The maximum vacation leave allowable shall be eighty hours in one year for employees who have worked less than 10 years and one hundred twenty hours for employees who have worked ten years or more, regardless of time worked, and shall be taken during the twelve months after it is earned; and no vacation leave shall be allowed any employee who works less than 1000 hours during the twelve months ending June 1 of any year.

(d) Employees working for more than one department during the twelve months ending June 1 may combine the working time in the several departments for the purpose of computing the amount of vacation leave earned, but in such case the rate of pay while on vacation leave shall be computed by apportioning and pro-rating the rates of pay at which such employee worked for the several departments.

(e) To be qualified as an employee who has worked ten (10) years or more, an employee must have worked for the town for not less than 1000 hours in each of ten (10) years.

**Section II.** Employees of the town who have worked 1,000 hours during the six months immediately preceding Jan. 1, May 30, July 4, Labor Day, Oct. 12, Nov. 11, Thanksgiving and Christmas shall be entitled to leave on such days without loss of pay equivalent to eight hours of work. If such 1000 hours worked were at different rates of pay, the pay for such holiday shall be apportioned and pro-rated accordingly. Employees who shall have worked at least 500 hours but less than 1000 hours during the six months immediately preceding said holidays shall be entitled to leave with pay on such holidays equivalent to four hours of work, similarly apportioned if earned at different rates of pay.

**Section III.** Leave for the current year shall be granted on the basis of time worked during the twelve months next



preceding the effective date of this by-law, at the rate set forth in Section I."

Article 16. Voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Rehabilitation Fund, for the purpose of erecting an Honor Roll of Town Veterans, including veterans of the Vietnam action; and to replace the flag pole at the West Boxford War Memorial.

Article 17. Voted to ratify and confirm the deed given to Earle Blake et ux, pursuant to the vote taken at the June 14, 1966 Special Town Meeting, the description having been varied to some extent from that voted.

Article 18. Voted to acquire for one dollar from Leonard Nangle et ux, a strip of land at the corner of Kelsey Road and Route 97, as shown on a plan on file at the Town Hall, to allow for highway improvement.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to acquire a parcel of land adjoining the Town Dump property from the North Bennett Street Industrial School; and voted to have the town Moderator appoint a committee of four persons, one from the Board of Assessors, one from the of Selectmen, one from the Finance Committee and one from the Planning Board to investigate the purchase of additional land owned by the North Bennett Street Industrial School.

Article 20. Voted to accept Adams Road as a public road.

Article 21. Voted to accept a deed for no consideration of Carleton Circle, including a 250 foot square surrounding the turn-around and the street as far as Adams Road as shown on plan of Section No. 1 of Eagle Nest Hill (May, 1966, Bras-seur Associates).

Article 22. Voted to accept the provision of General Laws Ch. 152, Section 69, as amended, relative to Workmen's Compensation for town employees.

Article 23. Voted not to authorize the Selectmen to make a flat charge for use of the town ambulance facilities.

Article 24. Voted to pass over.

Article 25. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the present police cruiser; voted to raise and appropri-

ate the sum of \$2200.00 to purchase and equip, for the Police Department, with the advice of the Chief of Police, a vehicle to be used as a police cruiser-ambulance.

Article 26. Voted to create a special unpaid Vocational Regional School District Planning Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator consisting of three residents, one of whom shall be a member of the Regional District School Committee, to study and make plans for the formation of a vocational school district, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the expenses of such committee.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for repairs to Engine No. 6.

Article 28. Negative vote.

Article 29. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to erect a stone wall, re-align gravestones, clean out brush and trim trees, and maintain the town cemetery at the corner of Mill Run Road and Main St. under the supervision of the Boxford Village Cemetery Association.

Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the construction of a Back-stop for the baseball field at Boy Scout Park.

Article 31. Voted to pass over.

Article 32. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five persons to study the procedures of enforcement of the Zoning By-laws of the town and the duties of the Building Inspector and report to the next annual town meeting regarding improvements to such procedures, said committee to be composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Board of Appeals, and two interested citizens.

Article 33. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the use of the Planning Board for the purpose of engaging professional assistance in undertaking a space requirement study incorporating future long-range needs for all town and public service departments and to include use of land and exterior and layout drawings of suggested buildings, or the use or remodeling of existing buildings, and be author-



ized to appoint a special Sub-Committee to assist in this study: the finding of said study committee to be presented to the town not later than the next annual town meeting.

Article 34. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,700.00 for the installation of a water supply and lavatory, and \$2,300.00 for the installation of a fire escape at the Boxford Public Library, in order to meet the State requirements for a building used for public purposes.

Article 35. Negative vote.

Article 36. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the Boxford Water and Drainage Committee.

Article 37. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,250.00 to purchase one new sander, two used chassis and cabs, and one used pickup truck for the Highway Dept.

Article 38. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the improvement of a section of Main Street in West Boxford.

Article 39. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for Boxford's share in the operational expenses of the Child Guidance Center of the Mental Health Association of the North Shore.

Article 40. Voted the following resolution:

The Town of Boxford favors continued membership in the Essex County Mosquito Control Project only as long as the present (not the proposed) method of cost allocation continues, and membership remains voluntary.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

250 voters were present.

A true record

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Clerk

**BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1967**

	<b>Adopted Budget 1967</b>
Selectmen .....	\$1,450.00
Board of Public Welfare .....	300.00
Assessors .....	2,500.00
Treasurer .....	1,500.00
Town Clerk .....	600.00
Collector of Taxes .....	2,000.00
Town Accountant .....	4,000.00
Registrars .....	300.00
Elections .....	400.00
Planning Board .....	300.00
Appeal Board .....	700.00
Building Inspector .....	1,000.00
Wire Inspector .....	1,000.00
Gas Inspector .....	500.00
Plumbing Inspector .....	650.00
Finance Committee .....	25.00
Town Counsel .....	1,000.00
Recreation Committee .....	1,600.00
Board of Health .....	5,200.00
Inspection of Slaughter .....	600.00
Inspection of Animals .....	50.00
Dog Officer .....	200.00
Police .....	32,000.00
Fire Department .....	18,000.00
Tree Warden .....	2,000.00
Moth Suppression .....	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease .....	2,000.00
Public Welfare .....	
Disability Assistance .....	} 16,760.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	
Old Age Assistance .....	
Medical Aid to Aged .....	
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Administration .....	1,326.00
Veterans' Benefits .....	1,500.00

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	Adopted Budget 1967
Harmony Cemetery .....	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery .....	150.00
Town Reports .....	1,700.00
Clerical .....	2,500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund .....	1,400.00
Interest on Maturing Debt and Temporary Loan .....	3,600.00
School House Notes .....	31,000.00
Community House .....	300.00
Conservation Committee .....	50.00
Group Hospital and Life Insurance .....	4,500.00
Water Commission .....	250.00
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	\$897,748.12

## Other items to be raised and appropriated:

Article 8 .....	\$ 800.00
Article 9 .....	6,000.00
Article 11 .....	150.00
Article 12 .....	500.00
Article 19 .....	300.00
Article 25 .....	2,200.00
Article 26 .....	250.00
Article 27 .....	2,500.00
Article 29 .....	1,000.00
Article 30 .....	500.00
Article 33 .....	5,000.00
Article 34 .....	4,000.00
Article 36 .....	8,000.00
Article 37 .....	4,250.00
Article 38 .....	3,000.00
Article 39 .....	325.00

Total in Articles	\$38,775.00
Total Budget	897,748.12

Total to be raised and appropriated: \$936,523.12

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TRANSFERS

Article 3	.....	\$ 2,500.00
Article 4	.....	15,000.00
Article 10	.....	37,100.00
Article 16	.....	500.00
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Total Transfers		\$55,100.00

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 1967**

The voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on Friday, October 20, 1967 for a Special Town Meeting at 8:00 P.M. After a moment of silent prayer, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the Moderator. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$502.50 received as State Aid for libraries for the use of the town libraries.

Article 2. Voted to repair and improve a section of Topsfield Road and Elm Street and appropriate therefor the sum of \$3,000.00, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the State under Chapter 679, Acts of 1965.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$690.00 for the purchase of a check-writer, said amount to be transferred from the Schoolhouse Notes account.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$18,000.00 to be used by the School Building Committee for the purpose of engaging an architect to draw up plans for an addition to the Spofford Pond School and for associated engineering services; \$4,000.00 to be transferred from the Schoolhouse Notes account and \$14,000.00 from surplus revenue.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted to amend the by-law appearing in the 1930 edition as Article XI, section two, by striking out said section and substituting the following:

“Whoever violates any provision of the town by-laws, other than the zoning by-law, or refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Board of Health issued under the by-laws and properly served upon him, shall, in cases not otherwise provided for, forfeit and pay for each offense a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.”

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This was a unanimous vote.

Article 9. Voted to acquire by purchase for purposes of water supply, the land shown as Lot No. 16 on a plan entitled "Boxford Country Club Estates" dated May 23, 1966, Northrup B. Allen, Civil Engineer; and to appropriate from the Town Farm Fund a sum not exceeding \$18,000.00 therefor.

Article 10. Voted to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

A true record:

Attest:

BARBARA C. PERLEY,  
Assistant Town Clerk



**BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1967 IN BOXFORD**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>1962</b>		
Aug. 14 —	Andrew Christopher Estes	Richard W. Estes Lillian B. Wolczik
<b>1966</b>		
Nov. 4 —	Robert Davis Miller	Robert D. Miller Martha L. Campbell
Dec. 12 —	Edward Ray Skrna	James E. Skrna Rae F. Jezisik
Dec. 13 —	Matthew John Delaney	Edward Francis Delaney Margaret Veronica Power
Dec. 28 —	Amanda Marie Havey	Arthur W. Javey Virginia Abbiati
Dec. 29 —	Dorothy Elizabeth Stone	William Floyd Stone Mary May Quenzer
<b>1967</b>		
Jan. 3 —	Kimberly Ruth Moore	James Schumann Moore Marilyn Florence Soper
Jan. 7 —	George McCarthy	Cornelius Joseph McCarthy Mary Alice Murphy
Jan. 13 —	Russell Myers Brown	James D. Brown Alta L. Chase
Jan. 14 —	Alan Thomas Pearsall	Richard J. Pearsall Dorothy Ann Labbe
Jan. 16 —	Bruce Alexander Godzik	Frank Godzik Sandra Lawrence
Feb. 7 —	Kristine Florence Pratt	Richard William Pratt Bonnie Lee Bent
Feb. 10 —	Lisa Alice Whitney	Jack Richard Whitney Sandra Corrine Dudley
Feb. 16 —	Teague Richard Quinn	John F. Quinn Carolyn L. Avila
Feb. 20 —	Charles Edward Orth	Edward Dana Orth Marilyn Ethel Jewell

Feb. 21 — Bradley Yarchin	Daniel Yarchin Toni C. Jaffee
Mar. 4 — Christopher Robert Dewsnap	Donald S. Dewsnap Ann L. Sweeney
Mar. 15 — Charles Allston Bowers	Jack F. Bowers Edith A. Hollman
Mar. 21 — Stephen Mark Brackett	Norman E. Brackett Susanne V. Crowley
Apr. 2 — Joseph Stephen Tinney	Joseph H. Tinney Carol J. Holt
Apr. 5 — Andrew Hooper Appleton	Samuel Appleton Mary J. Creed
Apr. 8 — Lisa Ann Knight	Richard Lance Knight Rosalie Leona DiLeo
May 4 — Keith Charles Lincoln	Charles W. Lincoln Martha E. Ives
May 7 — Mark Robert Jacobs	Stanley P. Jacobs Dolores M. Strykowski
May 8 — Rebecca Louise Twiss	Chester Knight Twiss Sandra Ann Hooper
May 10 — Lauren Ashley Ligon	Robert Joseph Ligon Emilie Jill Juden
May 15 — Susan Needham Merrill	Edwin K. Merrill Nancy C. Needham
May 16 — Alexander Balfour Gillman	Walter M. Gillman Barbara F. Haupt
June 10 — Steven Michael King	Robert Maurice King Sallyann Sheppard
June 13 — Carla Diane Whitaker	Carl F. Whitaker, Jr. Robert A. Munsey
June 14 — Stephanie Ann Jelly	Donald Babson Jelly Sharon Ann Brackett
June 19 — John Bennett Bailly	Richard Louis Bailly Patricia Ann Bailly
June 24 — Lisa Laura Gerard	Robert L. Gerard Trudy L. Green

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July 15 — Alison Devon Foster	Howard B. Foster Hilda L. Panall
July 17 — Kristin Anneka Taylor	Philip V. C. Taylor Josephine C. E. Dalmolen
July 19 — Sarah Peters Sutton	Peter Ray Sutton Jean Edith Sager
Aug. 1 — Joseph Patrick Morrissey	Kenneth W. Morrissey, Jr. Mary C. Schneeman
Aug. 15 — Candace Richardson Bartlett Dow	Robert R. Dow Elaine E. Erskine
Aug. 24 — Jennifer Kalen Mack	Talbot Chambers Mack Mary Irwin Tayloe
Sept. 6 — John Sargent Buck	John H. Buck, 3rd Susan E. Thompson
Sept. 19 — James Paul Richardson	Paul E. Richardson Cheryl A. Boardman
Oct. 5 — Kevin Joseph Bourque	Joseph C. Bourque, Jr. Lucille G. Scanlon
Oct. 3 — Gary Kenneth Post	David Farmery Post Dorothea C. Rademaker
Oct. 8 — Anne Marie Geggis	David P. Geggis Marie C. Yeager
Oct. 23 — James Allen Casey	Thomas W. Casey Helen E. Hartford
Nov. 9 — Christopher Merle Marsh	John G. Marsh Eloise C. Marsh

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1967

Date	Names	Residence
<b>1966</b>		
Dec. 31 —	Vernon M. Hawkins, 3rd	Boxford
	Lydia Sifringer	Boston
<b>1967</b>		
Feb. 11 —	John D. Hunter	Boxford
	Donna J. Munro	Watertown

Feb. 28 —	Edgar Paul Lewis	Boxford
	Christine Juliette Pilczuk	Topsfield
Apr. 29 —	Davis S. Horton	No. Truro
	Jane M. Barrows	Boxford
May 9 —	Charles M. Freeman	Boxford
	Irene P. Wickens	Boxford
May 27 —	John William Noyes	Boxford
	Paulette Marie Gingras	Groveland
May 27 —	Herbert Henry Tanner, Jr.	Boxford
	Jean Sylvia Greenleaf	Boxford
May 28 —	Brian Blaise Krisko	Boxford
	Donna Maria Cempellin	Salem
May 28 —	Dean Bradstreet Pinelas	Boston
	Carolyn Kristina Stahlbrand	Boxford
June 17 —	Lauren W. Calvert	St. Louis, Mo.
	Terry Griffin	Boxford
July 1 —	Fred John Brockett, Jr.	Suffield, Conn.
	Rosemary Blackburn Firor	Boxford
July 13 —	Alexander M. Colby	W. Boxford
	Lorraine Caso	Topsfield
Aug. 13 —	Eugene F. Casey	Charlestown
	Frances A. Moulton	Boxford
Aug. 20 —	Ronald Phillips McRobbie	No. Andover
	Randa Lee Taylor	Boxford
Aug. 20 —	Robert Jacob Eisenberg	Miami, Fla.
	Judith Elaine Little	Boxford
Aug. 26 —	Jack R. Pearl	Boxford
	Nancy A. Pooles	Lawrence
Aug. 26 —	Richard Elliott Murray	Danvers
	Ursula Mary Shannon	Boxford
Sept. 3 —	Charles A. Ashworth	No. Andover
	Ellen Davis Inch	Boxford
Sept. 30 —	George R. Earnshaw	Boxford
	Janet L. Herron	Malden
Oct. 21 —	Frederick W. Pracht	Boxford
	Muriel C. Norton	Braintree
Oct. 26 —	Steven Jurovaty	Norwich, Conn.
	Deborah Adams	Boxford

Nov. 11 —	Raymond C. Shaw	Topsfield
	Susan Nangle	Boxford
Nov. 17 —	John Simon Anthony Saunders	Boxford
	Holly Roeder	Boxford
Dec. 24 —	Leslie John Baxter	Barton, Vt.
	Marguerite M. Christian	Boxford

## DEATHS RECORDED IN 1967

Date	Name	Age		
1966				
Dec. 7	— Charles H. Foster, Sr.	Yr. 82	Mo. —	Days 6
1967				
Jan. 8	— Stephen Maddock	68	3	22
Jan. 13	— Winfred E. Burno	51	6	24
Feb. 12	— Robert A. Kolankiewicz	38	1	18
Feb. 19	— Charles Henry Callahan	73	—	—
Mar. 17	— William Walker	82	6	20
Mar. 22	— Jean J. Poirier	66	—	—
Apr. 3	— Dunbar Lockwood	75	5	15
Apr. 9	— Keith R. Spinney	1	11	10
Apr. 27	— Marion S. Waters	81	6	8
May 27	— Bertha (Austin) Fleming	71	—	—
June 2	— Albert S. Gates	79	11	17
June 12	— Josephine (Roberts) Petitjean	78	10	5
June 15	— Rita A. Greenler	52	7	16
Aug. 18	— Jessis C. Rowe	89	—	—
Aug. 26	— Carrie W. (Simpson) Conant	93	9	12
Sept. 22	— Muriel N. (Winkler) Gould	52	0	9
Sept. 29	— Louis E. Bussiere	71	5	16
Oct. 10	— Xavier F. Petitjean	82	9	1
Oct. 18	— R. Shields Graham	52	5	20
Nov. 17	— Melvin William Smallwood	65	3	17
Nov. 18	— Norman E. Earle	60	0	10
Nov. 20	— Baby A Shelly	—	—	—
Nov. 20	— Baby B Shelly	—	—	—
Dec. 7	— Thompson Noyes Lowell	11	6	—



**DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1967**

193 Males	@ \$ 2.00	\$386.00
42 Females	@ 5.00	210.00
165 Spayed Females	@ 2.00	330.00
7 Kennels	@ 10.00	70.00
2 Kennels	@ 25.00	50.00
1 Kennel	@ 50.00	50.00
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Total Received		\$1,096.00
Fees — Town Clerk		102.50
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Remitted to Town Treasurer		\$993.50

**FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1967**

117 Resident Fishing Licenses	@ \$5.25	\$614.25
53 Resident Hunting Licenses	@ 5.25	278.25
44 Sporting Licenses	@ 8.25	363.00
25 Minor Fishing Licenses	@ 3.25	81.25
12 Female Fishing Licenses	@ 4.25	51.00
4 Non-Resident Fishing Licenses	@ 5.25	21.00
9 Non-Resident Fishing Licenses	@ 9.75	87.75
3 Duplicates	@ .50	1.50
1 Deer Stamp	@ 1.10	1.10
2 Free Licenses		<hr/>
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Total Received		\$1,499.10
Town Clerk Fees		66.10
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Remitted to Fish and Game Department		\$1,433.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In order to hear and decide upon more efficiently the problems and grievances of taxpayers relating to real and personal property taxes, the Board of Assessors has instituted a procedure which should assist in the solution of any problem which arises.

Outlined below are four steps which, if followed, should enable taxpayers to have their problems or grievances fairly and equitably heard and determined:

**STEP 1 — INFORMAL CONFERENCE:** The Board of Assessors now meets regularly at the Town Hall on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 P.M. Your particular questions should be brought to the attention of the Board, either in person or by letter, at one of these official meetings. — Remember, in order for the Board to consider your question, you must bring it to the attention of the Board during one of their meetings.

If a simple explanation suits your purpose or if an obvious error has been made, it will not be necessary for you to proceed further, except for possibly completing certain paperwork which the Board of Assessors must have for the record.

**STEP 2 — APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT:** In all cases involving complex problems or differences of opinion, the Board of Assessors will provide, upon request, an Application for Abatement which you **must** complete and file with the Board, in person or by mail, by October 1 or within 30 days after your tax bill was received.

**STEP 3 — HEARING:** Upon timely receipt of your Application for Abatement, the Board of Assessors will schedule a hearing, at which you or your representative may appear in person or in writing, to hear and discuss your opinion or information which you feel should be brought to the attention of the Board of Assessors in connection with your problem or grievance. Also, the Assessors may wish to inspect the property in question before reaching a decision. You will be promptly advised in writing when a decision is reached. If the Board of Assessors does not notify you in writing within 90 days, your claim should be considered as denied.

**STEP 4—APPEAL FROM DECISION OF LOCAL BOARD:** If you receive notice of a decision of the local Board and you do not agree with such decision, OR, if you do not receive a written notice within 90 days after you filed your Application for Abatement, you may have the right to appeal the matter to the Appellate Tax Board in Boston. If you wish to do so, you can contact a representative of the Appellate Tax Board who will familiarize you with their rules and procedures.

Please remember that the filing of an Application for Abatement **does not** relieve you from the requirement of paying your tax in accordance with the terms set forth on the tax bill.

It is the sincere belief of the Board of Assessors that we will, by following the procedures outlined above, achieve an orderly, efficient and equitable method of handling taxpayers' problems and grievances in this town.

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Parcels Assessed		
Bills On Personal Estate		217
Bills On Real Estate		1,389
Bills On Farm Animal Excise		5
Value of Assessed Personal Estate		
Stock in Trade	\$8,025.00	
Machinery	1,100.00	
Live Stock (Do not include value of farm animals)	9,139.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	610,615.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate		\$628,879.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land exclusive of Buildings	\$803,753.00	

Buildings exclusive of Land	6,296,885.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$7,100,638.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		\$7,729,517.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000 = \$94.00		
Taxes for State, County, Town Purposes, Including Overlay		
On Personal Estate	\$59,114.62	
On Real Estate	667,459.97	
Total Taxes Assessed		\$726,574.59
Number of Live Stock Assessed		
	General	Farm Animals Assessed \$5 Excise
Horses (1 year old, or over)	61	
Neat Cattle: (1 year old or over)		
Cows (Milch)	1	76
Bulls, Oxen, Yearlings		10
Swine (6 months old, or over)	2	88
Sheep (6 months old, or over)	13	
Fowl	290	3,158
All Other — 7 ponies; 2 beehives		
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,133	
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	901	

Respectfully submitted,  
 BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
 CHESTER K. TWISS  
 J. WARREN CHADWICK  
 HARRY L. COLE

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Town of Boxford

## 1967 RECAPITULATION

TOWN: (Total Appropriations Voted Since  
1966 Tax Rate was Fixed)

Total appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$936,523.12
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Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds: (In 1966 since 1966 rate was fixed \$9,079.12)	64,179.12
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\$1,000,702.24

Any other amount required to be raised:

School Lunch Program	\$3,926.46
Free Public Libraries	502.50

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4,428.96

Veterans' District	\$171.74
County Retirement	10,547.10

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\$10,718.84

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

	1967	1966	
	Estimates	Under-	
		estimates	
County Tax	\$15,467.19	\$1,228.42	
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	\$15,467.19	\$1,228.42	\$16,695.61

STATE. Tax and Assessments

State Recreation Areas	\$2,582.10	\$386.88
Audit of Municipal Accounts	73.58	
Mosquito Control Projects	2,755.75	3,818.24

Motor Vehicle Excise  
Tax Bills

335.85

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\$5,747.28    \$4,205.12    \$9,952.40

OVERLAY of current year

52,107.30

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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$1,094,605.35

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

1967 Estimated Receipts from  
the Local Aid and Agency  
Funds

\$203,233.66

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise \$90,000.00

Licenses 4,500.00

Fines 330.00

General Government 1,313.00

Health and Sanitation 638.00

Interest: On Taxes and Assess-  
ments \$992.00; On Deposit  
\$2,745.00

3,737.00

Farm Animal, Machinery and  
Equipment Excise

100.00

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Total Estimated Receipts

\$303,851.66

Amounts voted to be taken from  
available funds

Available Funds 12/29/66 \$9,079.12

Road Machinery 3/ 6/67 2,500.00

Overlay Reserve 3/ 6/67 15,000.00

Free Cash 3/ 6/67 37,100.00

Free Cash 3/ 6/67 500.00

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Total Available Funds \$64,179.12

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds 368,030.78

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Net Amount to be Raised by

Taxation on Property

\$726,574.57

Total Personal Property

\$628,879.00

Valuation: Real Estate	7,100,638.00	
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Total	\$7,729,517.00	
Tax Rate Personal Property Tax	\$59,114.61	
\$94.00 Real Estate Tax	667,459.96	
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<b>Total Taxes Levied on Property</b>		<b>\$726,574.57</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
CHESTER K. TWISS  
J. WARREN CHADWICK  
HARRY L. COLE



**REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES****TAXES — 1959**

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1967	\$4.38	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1967		\$4.38
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	\$4.38	\$4.38

**TAXES — 1960**

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1967	\$10.34	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1957		\$10.34
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	\$10.34	\$10.34

**TAXES — 1961**

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1967	\$22.09	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1967		\$22.09
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	\$22.09	\$22.09

**TAXES — 1962**

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1967	\$326.74	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1967		\$326.74
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	\$326.74	\$326.74

**TAXES — 1963**

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1967	\$59.09	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1967		\$59.09
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	\$59.09	\$59.09

**TAXES — 1964**

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1967	\$631.30	
Interest Collected	7.68	

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Audit Adjustment	8.75	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$167.65
Interest		7.68
Audit Adjustment		119.15
Abatements:		
Personal		6.75
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1967		346.50
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	\$647.73	\$647.73

## TAXES — 1965

Uncollected Jan.1, 1967	\$12,113.40	
Interest Collected	606.22	
Taxes Collected:		
Personal Property		\$424.58
Real Estate		10,163.38
Motor Vehicle Excise		72.88
Interest		606.22
Abatements:		
Real Estate		34.56
Personal Property		7.20
Transferred to Tax Title Account		5.76
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1967		1,405.04
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	\$12,719.62	\$12,719.62

## TAXES — 1966

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1967	\$69,331.33	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment	8,109.39	
Real Estate Refunds	383.05	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	1,649.44	
Interest Collected	1,635.04	
Audit Adjustment	601.61	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$43,891.94
Personal		2,256.00

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Motor Vehicle Excise	19,770.55	
Farm Animal Excise	8.94	
Interest	1,635.04	
Abatements:		
Real Estate	1,142.48	
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,721.46	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refund	19.80	
Transfer to Tax Title	5.65	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1967	10,258.00	
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	\$81,709.86	\$81,709.96

## TAXES — 1967

Real Estate Commitments	\$668,212.90	
Personal Property Commitment	59,114.61	
Classified Forest Land	38.54	
Farm Animal Excise	150.26	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	112,526.44	
Real Estate Refunds	2,232.03	
Personal Property Refunds	44.65	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	3,500.48	
Interest Collected	194.79	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$618,616.24
Personal Property		55,856.57
Classified Forest Land		38.54
Farm Animal Excise		14.76
Motor Vehicle Excise		95,725.00
Interest		194.79
Abatements:		
Real Estate		16,084.91
Personal Property		636.85
Motor Vehicle Excise		6,554.99
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1967		52,292.05
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	\$846,014.70	\$846,014.70

## RECAPITULATION

## Total Receipts from Taxes:

Real Estate	\$672,839.21
Personal Property	57,935.55
Classified Forest Land	38.54
Farm Animal Excise	23.70
Motor Vehicle Excise	115,498.43
Interest	2,442.73
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	\$848,778.16

Respectfully submitted,  
FREDERICK A. SMALLMAN,  
Collector

**BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY****TRUSTEES**

Term expires 1968:

John F. G. Eichorn

Milton E. Lord

Mrs. Virginia B. Waters

Term expires 1969:

Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.

Mrs. Rosamond I. Price

Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas

Term expires 1970

Richard P. Chadwick

Winthrop P. Haynes

Mrs. Earle O. Lathan

Chairman . . . . . Milton E. Lord

Vice Chairman . . . . . Mrs. Rosamond I. Price

Secretary . . . . . Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas

Boxford Town Librarian, Mrs. Warren W. Schaalman

With 1967 the Boxford Town Library completed its first full year of operation with a professionally-trained Town Librarian. It was a period of substantial accomplishment. The Trustees acknowledge with gratitude the contribution of their Town Librarian.

The Trustees put into published form the statement on "Book Selection Policies" that they had adopted in the preceding November 1966. The limited number of copies that were available for distribution enjoyed a wide sale throughout the United States and Canada. Book expenditures were increased by 35%. The collections of reference books, particularly for the use of students, were strengthened significantly. The number of books borrowed for home reading totaled 31,560. This represented an increase of 51% over the preceding year 1966. Some 1300 individuals became registered borrowers.

A long-desired increase in the hours of opening was effected. From 15 and 12 hours per week in 1966 for Boxford Village and West Boxford respectively a beginning change to 15 hours each was made on January 1st. Finally, on October 1st, the hours were increased to 21 hours per week at each library. This change from a total of 27 hours in 1966 to 30, and then to 42 hours per week in 1967 has resulted in each library's

now being open from 2 to 5 p.m. every afternoon in the week, plus some evenings as well.

At West Boxford a complete new lighting was installed. It is desirable that the same be done at the Boxford Village Library. At Boxford Village the water supply was re-established, a lavatory installed, and a fire escape provided from the second floor, plus a repainting of the entire second floor, the latter being aided substantially by the Friends of the Boxford Village Library. Also at Boxford Village a new ceiling was installed in the bookstack room to replace the one which had collapsed in the summer from the effects of dampness.

The Town Library Trustees cooperated actively with the Boxford School Committee in initiating and supervising the early stages of an elementary school library program at the Spofford Pond and the Cole Schools. It is hoped that this can be developed much further.

Extensive advantage was taken of the services of the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library Program that is evolving under the sponsorship of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and its Bureau of Library Extension. Particularly has the traveling bookmobile service been used; also inter-library loan service. By the latter there have become available to the residents of Boxford the resources of the Memorial Hall Library in Andover as the nearest Sub-Regional Center and the extensive holdings of the Boston Public Library as the overall Eastern Regional Center. Additional regional services will become available in the course of 1968.

In 1968 the Town Library Trustees are planning to consolidate the accomplishments of 1967 into an expanding "professional library program." The aim of this will be to bring to the people of Boxford a truly superior library service. Much can and will be done with our existing library facilities. Much more would be possible with facilities rather more adequate and up-to-date than those presently existing.

In due season an appropriate enlargement of the West Boxford Library will be necessary to provide increased space



for both books and readers, particularly students. At Boxford Village nothing short of a new building will meet the needs, in replacement of the inadequate remodelled dwelling-house presently devoted to library use. Happily the lot next door — the best lot in town for the purpose — is already library-owned, having been given some seventy or so years ago expressly as the site for a public library building. Thereon an up-to-date building, actually designed for library purposes can be erected for Boxford Village. Thus with two good neighborhood libraries — the beautiful West Boxford unit in enlarged form and a new, adequate, and attractive unit at Boxford Village — there would come into being distinguished additional evidence that Boxford is truly an unusual community in which to live and to bring up children.

Help from many friends has meant much to the Boxford libraries. The Friends of the Boxford Village Library have met certain needs otherwise not easily taken care of. The Couples Club of the First Congregational Church at Boxford Village donated once again in 1967 the proceeds of their benefit "Spring Library Dance" and thus made possible the acquisition of needed furniture and equipment for each of the two libraries. Flowers have been donated by interested gardeners of the community. Numerous individuals have contributed time, books, and furnishings.

To all well-wishers to Boxford's libraries the Town Library Trustees express gratitude for the warm interest and generous support which they have evinced both as individuals and as voters in Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON E. LORD,

Chairman

**REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER**

88 dogs were reported lost.

14 dogs were disposed of that were killed on various town roads.

12 restraining orders for bites were issued.

26 stray dogs were picked up and held the required 10 days, then disposed of as follows:

18 were claimed by their owners;

7 were unclaimed and sold;

1 was disposed of as unfit for adoption.

Boxford residents are reminded that all dogs 3 months of age must be licensed by April 1, 1968.

There have been many complaints of dogs creating a nuisance in their neighborhoods. It is best to keep in mind that everyone is entitled to the privacy of his own property, and that any dog that creates a disturbance on his neighbor's property is in violation of the law and the owner of this dog is responsible for his dog's actions. Any resident has the right to ask that such dog be kept off his property. It is such situations that have caused leash laws to be passed in other towns, at considerable expense to the taxpayer. Cooperation in this matter is to the advantage of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. HUGHES,

Dog Officer

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Aid under General Relief amounted to \$1,105.55 for the year 1967, which speaks very well for the prosperity of the town.

All other categories of aid, including Medicaid, are administered from the Central Essex Welfare District office located in Middleton Square, Middleton — telephone 774-1609.

During 1967 Mr. Leo Jeghalian resigned as director of the Central Essex Welfare District and Mrs. Annette Burke was

appointed to the position, in April. Upon her resignation on November first, Mr. Maurice Medoff took over the duties in mid-November. There have been several changes in office assistants as well.

It is expected that on July first the State will take over costs and administration of Public Welfare.

Respectfully submitted,  
 HARRY L. COLE  
 JOHN EVANS  
 CLAYTON B. LARRABEE  
 Board of Public Welfare

### REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Month	New Houses	Misc.*	Building Fees	Sewerage Fees
Jan.	3		\$ 51.00	\$35.00
Feb.	1		17.00	25.00
Mar.	5	3	93.00	75.00
April	7	6	148.00	95.00
May	5	5	101.00	95.00
June	2	5	42.00	70.00
July	6	5	111.00	70.00
Aug.	6	5	111.00	50.00
Sept.	1	5	35.00	45.00
Oct.	2	7	47.00	30.00
Nov.	5		85.00	75.00
Dec.	3	3	58.00	55.00
Total	46	44	\$899.00	\$720.00

\*Additions, Alterations, Pools, Gravel, Stables and Sheds

Respectfully submitted,  
 HENRY W. NASON,  
 Building Inspector

**REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR FOR 1967**

During the year 20 permits were issued under Article 4 Sec. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Respectfully submitted,  
GARDNER W. STARRETT,  
Gas Inspector

**REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Spraying was carried out this year in town for Dutch Elm Disease with the same non-toxic spray, Methoxyclor, that has been used previously.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT HEBB,  
Moth Superintendent

**REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

Clearing and trimming of trees has been carried on at both ends of town. Seven large maple trees have been removed and also a small number of assorted trees.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT MEBB,  
Tree Warden

**REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

The Tree Warden reports that 25 large elm trees have been removed and burned. A crew from the State came to Boxford for one week to assist with the removal of diseased elm trees.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT HEBB,  
Moth Superintendent

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING FOR THE YEAR 1967

EXAMINED			CONDEMNED		
Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
100	98	98	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,  
 SAMUEL E. LAWES  
 WALTER H. GAMANS, JR.  
 Inspectors of Slaughtering

## 1967 REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

Permits	141
Inspections	315
Receipts — Electrical Fees:	
Jan. 1, 1967 to Dec. 31, 1967	\$1,505.00

Respectfully submitted,  
 HERBERT W. SPERRY,  
 Wire Inspector

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Board of Health

Town Hall

Boxford, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

The Plumbing Inspector's task for the past year has been uneventful.

Very few minor difficulties have been encountered with the plumbers and these have been quickly solved.

Sixty-six permits were issued

Respectfully submitted,  
 HAROLD R. GALLOWAY,  
 Plumbing Inspector



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 1967 the Boxford Conservation Commission was asked for advice or assistance in numerous problems involving conservancy principles, and in all cases made inspections of the areas before making their recommendations. Membership has been maintained in related organizations and Commission members have attended area and State meetings in addition to local planning and zoning meetings.

The detailed study of Boxford's soils was presented and interpreted by members of the Soil Conservation Service in the Fall. Sets of the twelve maps, aerial photographs, and the text of the report were distributed to the Board of Health, Planning Board and other Town agencies, and complete sets are available at the Town Hall and with the Conservation Commission for use by any property owner. Boxford residents are urged to avail themselves of the information in this study in planning any land use.

Work has been started on listing the Town's open space and determining ownership of wetlands or other areas important to the preservation of Boxford's natural resources and its present character.

Respectfully submitted,  
 STUART K. HARRIS, Chairman  
 EARLE O. LATHAM  
 ROSAMOND I. PRICE  
 ROBSON W. SHELLY  
 CATHERINE T. THOMAS

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Boxford:

The following is a report of the Police Department and the activities for the year 1967.

Motorists Assisted	60	Missing Persons	24
Police Assistance		Missing Persons Located	23
(other depts.)	75	Summons Served	212
Ambulance Calls	51	Accidents	60
Property Checks	1970	Fatal Accidents	3



Court Appearances	95	House, Camp and	
Summons and Arrests		School Breaks	19
by State Police	23	Attempted Breaks	5
Stolen Cars	1	Lewd and Lascivious	8
Stolen Cars Recovered	12	Larceny by Check	1
Defective Equipment	218	Assault and	
Hit and Run (property)	1	Attempted Rape	1
Drownings	1	Car Fires	7
Pistol Permits	35	Complaints and	
Arrests	27	Investigations	505

Each year police activitiy in Boxford and throughout the country continues to increase, adding more responsibilities and demands on law enforcement officers. The above classified police report is only a partial list of the work carried out by your local department. Many unclassified investigations and complaints not listed are satisfactorily settled to all concerned. I have recommended again this year that an additional full-time officer be added to the force.

As in the past, the department appreciates information about any person or persons acting suspiciously or doing damage to property etc. A registration number is extremely helpful. Promptness in reporting such incidents is important. Your name will be held in strict confidence.

Residents are asked to notify the police when leaving for an extended period of time. Neighbors should also be alerted to absences and asked to check property. Suspicious phone calls should be reported immediately.

During the past year Richard W. Pratt was appointed a full-time patrolman. In July he was promoted to Sergeant. Walter Strobel and Charles Love were added to the part-time force. Although the number of part-time officers may seem large it should be mentioned that several of these men are no longer active members.

Training programs in different phases of law enforcement were held in 1967. The Hon. Willie Davis of the Attorney General's office spoke on Search and Seizure. A tear gas demonstration and movies was given by Mr. Howard Zarris of the

Central Equipment Co. A film entitled 'Signal 30' put out by the Ohio State Police about fatal accidents was shown to the Driver's Education class at Masconomet, local police officers and interested citizens. The police dept. wishes to thank Att. Burton Hampton of Ipswich Rd. for giving his time to speak on criminal law. The classes he gave were very informative. I am also attending law enforcement classes at Northeastern University.

Many thanks go to the Topsfield Gun Club and Dr. Herbert Rouisse for use of the pistol range located at the Proctor School in Topsfield.

This Summer the men obtained new stetson hats for warm weather use. These hats were paid for by the officers themselves. The dept. purchased tear gas aerosols with individual holsters for each man. This tear gas is harmless but will disable belligerent persons for 20 minutes. This should eliminate the necessity of using a "billie club" as a protector and persuader.

In August police headquarters were moved to the former Post Office in East Boxford Village. The building was renovated and newly painted for the police takeover. Mr. Robert McGinnity of Mill Run Rd. gave the dept. a fireproof records vault.

In November the new Oldsmobile vista cruiser arrived. As in previous years this vehicle is a combination cruiser-ambulance. When the year-old cruiser was turned in its mileage was 71,000.

I wish to thank the personnel of my dept., the townspeople, the Selectmen, the various town depts., the State Police and the police from surrounding communities for their cooperation and assistance during the year.

For the information of new residents, the police dept. number is 887-2712. This is also the EMERGENCY BLUE LINE NETWORK of 4 telephones.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. WARREN,

Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Boxford's growth continues at a fairly consistent pace with 46 new houses in 1967 compared to 42 the previous year, but there is evidence that we may see a faster rate of growth this year depending on the availability of mortgage credit.

While the number of subdivisions approved last year was the same as the previous year, 93 new lots were created in the six subdivisions in 1967 against 29 in the same number of subdivisions approved in 1966.

Ten regular meetings were held and three public hearings. There were numerous special meetings.

Planning Board members served on two sub-committees: improved enforcement of the zoning by-law, and the study to determine long range space needs for town agencies.

Efforts to promote more attractive subdivisions by stressing imaginative street patterns and by persuading developers to install all utilities underground have met with partial success.

Enforcement of subdivision regulations, the terms of special permits and measures concerned with public health are subjects the Board is giving closer attention to.

The Board also recommended guide lines for gravel removal and soil stripping to the Appeals Board for their consideration.

Tighter controls over septic and well systems were recommended to the Board of Health.

Members of the Board recognized the long and devoted service of Warren Godfrey who resigned when he moved out of town.

DAVID L. PITT, Chairman  
CRAIG E. FALK, Clerk  
CHARLES L. COTTON  
J. WARREN CHADWICK  
CHARLES P. A. NELSON  
WILLIAM E. DORMAN  
E. LAURENCE COLBY

### REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following services were performed by this Department during 1967:

Discharge (certified copy)	11
Discharge (recorded)	12
Photostats	350
Aid & Attendance Allowance	9
Education	24
Loan Guaranty	16
Statement of disability for tax abatement	12
Annual Income Report	92
Compensation	14
Pension	26
Burial Allowance	27
Headstone	18
Medical & Dental	42
Hospitalization	14
Outpatient Treatment	9
Insurance	17
Power of Attorney	62
Miscellaneous	120

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

District Director

### REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

	N. Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance Carried Over From 1966	\$13.08	\$3.99	\$17.07
Appropriated in 1967, Section 11 Chapter 660, Acts of 1963	1,088.26	171.74	1,260.00
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	\$1,101.34	\$175.73	\$1,277.07
Expended to December 31, 1967	1,090.08	172.02	1,262.10
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Balance December 31, 1967	\$11.26	\$3.71	\$14.97

- (A) Basis of Apportionment Chapter 660, Acts of 1963  
 An Act Establishing the basis for apportionment  
 of State and County Taxes

North Andover	\$26,718.00	.8637 per cent
Boxford	4,216.00	.1363 per cent

JAMES J. MAKER, District Treasurer  
 District Department of Veterans Service

### REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	\$1,200.00
New England Telephone (Services)	53.10
Veterans Information (G. Spilman, Director) ....	9.00
Total	\$1,262.10

Respectfully submitted,  
 BERNARD W. BINGHAM,  
 Agent

### REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Boxford Fire Department submits the following report for 1967.

#### Total Runs Made

Buildings	11	Car Accidents	7
Brush	16	False	17
Ambulance	44	Electrical Appliances	5
Grass	6	Mutual Aid	1
Dump	9	Drowning	1
Car Fires	9	Miscellaneous	18

Considerable work has been done in the West Boxford Fire Station in the areas of insulating and heating system improvements, which has made it possible to maintain a reasonable temperature in the building, and also resulted in a reduction in heating costs this year.

A training program was conducted by the Officers of the Department through the spring and fall with a good percentage of the men receiving certificates of completion.



The communications system of the Department is working effectively and with the purchase of a 3500 watt generator for the West Station, we now have emergency power for both Base Stations. Through the untiring efforts of the communication men in the Department, the problems are being overcome despite the complications in equipment today.

The following red-line operators have continued their good work this year:

Mrs. Robert P. Parkhurst	Mrs. George A. Gould
Ipswich Road	Topsfield Road
Mrs. Peter Perkins	Mrs. C. Richard Cunningham
Main Street	Ipswich Road

Written permits are required for outdoor fires, other than in approved incinerators, and may be obtained from the red-line operators.

TO REPORT A FIRE:	West	887-2727
	East	7-2727

The Christmas tree spraying program was continued this year and a marked increase in the number of trees sprayed was noted. This spraying does not make trees fireproof, but does serve as a fire retardant.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the officers and men of the Department for their work throughout the year. The men have given of themselves unselfishly to provide protection for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. KILLAM,

Chief of Fire Department

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The major portion of this Committee's work for 1967 was related to planning. However, we wish to make special note of the resignation of Mrs. Marion Colby, who served with the Committee since its establishment in October 1960. Mrs. Colby's contribution to the Committee was significant, and it was with sincere regret that her resignation was accepted.



The Committee welcomed two new members this year. Mr. Edmund Mead replaced Mr. William Davis (who resigned late in 1966) and Mrs. Lucille Getz replaced Mrs. Colby.

In March of 1966, the Town voted \$1500 to be used for Recreational Planning. Since that time, planning has been this committee's primary objective. Five landscape architects were interviewed by the committee, and in May 1966, Mr. Sidney N. Shurcliff, who is also an engineer, was selected to prepare a report on the recreational needs of Boxford.

During the intervening months, Mr. Shurcliff attended many meetings of the Recreation Committee and one meeting at which the Finance Committee, The Planning Board and the Boxford Athletic Association were all represented. Mr. Robert B. Parkhurst was most cooperative in loaning resource materials, and Mr. Harry L. Cole also provided Mr. Shurcliff with background material.

It is this committee's intention to initiate the recommendations contained in this plan, which follows:

**Report on the Recreational Needs of the Town**

Prepared for the Boxford Recreation Committee

by

Shurcliff & Merrill, Landscape Architects

December 1967

Members of the Committee who have assisted in the preparation of this Report are: Mrs. Shirley MacGill, Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Getz, Mr. John J. Hudson, Mr. Edmund Mead, Mr. A. Gordon Price.

## INTRODUCTION

The Master Plan Report of December 10, 1961 prepared for the Town by Charles W. Eliot, planning consultant, was based on a known 1960 population of 2004. Although he predicted that the "ultimate" population, probable under the present large lot zoning restrictions, would be somewhere between 14,000 and 17,000, Professor Eliot did not foresee that by 1965 the population would have jumped to 3004!

The sudden acceleration of the population growth has resulted in a request for an up-to-date survey of Recreation

Needs. This publication is the result of the work in which the Recreation Committee and its consultants have been engaged since April 1966. The reader will observe that the Committee's findings concur with those of Prof. Eliot as to the size of the "ultimate" population but that the predicted **rate** of growth is much greater than could have been inferred from reading his Report. Therefore the recommendations for recreational improvements contained herein are both more specific and more urgent than those advanced in 1961.

In addition to the recommendations which appear on pages 8 and 9, the consultants have furnished the Recreation Committee with a topographical survey of the Boy Scout Park and contract drawings and specifications for the construction of the ballfield there.

A very considerable amount of field work and preliminary investigation went into the preparation of this report which, in itself, is only a summary of the deliberations of the Committee and its consultants.

## POPULATION

For more than two and one-half centuries starting in 1685 Boxford was a very sparsely settled town. After reaching a population of 989 in 1775 and 1020 in 1865 the figure reverted to a low of 588 in 1920 and even by 1950 with 926 persons was 10% below the 1750 figure. Then with the advent of the expressways and the Route 128 industries, and under the pressure generated by the rising cost of residential lots in suburban areas, there occurred a minor population explosion with the total reaching 2004 in 1960 and 3004 in 1965. Thus the town gained as many inhabitants in the five years '60-'65 as it had acquired in the previous two and one-half centuries. Based on building permits issued in 1966 and the first half of 1967, we estimate the present population at about 3400.

It is of interest to compare Boxford's rate of population increase in recent years with that of surrounding towns. In the five year period 1960-65, in which, as already noted, Boxford jumped 49.5%, Haverhill **decreased** 5.2%. Rowley increased

only 2.8% and Middleton 5.1% while Ipswich achieved 10.8% and North Andover 14.7%. More rapid gainers were Georgetown with 23.7% and Topsfield with 30.6%. However only Groveland with a 47.6% jump approached that of Boxford.

A year by year listing of building permits in Boxford is an accurate thermometer of recent and present growth. The figures are '60 — 47; '61 — 46; '62 — 33; '63 — 46; '64 — 58; '65 — 59; '66 — 37 and in '67 to April 30 — 16. Half a dozen applications for approval of substantial subdivisions are now before the Planning Board.

### **Residential Valuations**

At the end of 1966 there were 877 dwellings in town and the population is estimated at that time to have been 3271 or 3.73 per dwelling. Also at the end of 1966 property values totaled about \$7,000,000, based on the assessors' current practice of assessing at about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of actual market value. Thus the average dwelling was assessed for approximately \$8,000. However an extensive windshield survey of the newer houses in Town indicates that they are nearly all in at least the \$35,000.00 category of market value with many in the \$50-\$65,000.00 bracket and not a few even higher. According to the assessors such houses are assessed at around \$15,000.00 or more, and with a tax rate of \$94 per thousand, bring in an income of at least \$1,400 per house.

The conclusions to be drawn from this are that the average value of the newer houses in town, and also those under construction or in the planning stage, is much higher than that of the average of the older dwellings. The people moving into Boxford may be said to be on the average more affluent than those who were already there — or at least are willing to spend much more than in the past on a lot and residence. In short the town is far from poverty-stricken and should be willing to pay for the amenities desired or needed by the many large real estate taxpayers. Such amenities include recreation facilities above and beyond organized school athletic fields and playground equipment.

### Effect of Topography and Zoning Regulations on Present and Future Land Use

The Zoning by-law as adopted and amended in 1962 provides for a minimum two acre lot size in the Residence-Agricultural Districts and no residences at all allowed in Conservancy or Open Space Districts. Since the amount of Business District is relatively tiny and since a fraction of the Town's 15,609 acres is occupied by ponds, Conservancy or Open Space Districts, or by power line easements, this results in a sizeable reduction of buildable land in the Residence-Agricultural Districts. If we also assume that the present 877 dwellings, many of which are situated on small lots established before the 1962 Zoning, each occupy one acre, this reduces the available land in the R-A Districts by another 900 acres.

We may also assume a further reduction of available residential building land caused by the presence of camps, large estates, golf courses and steep terrain and a further 10% because of the need for rights-of-way to serve the two acre lots and because of the larger than minimum lots which are always present in subdivisions. This factor is partially neutralized however by the fact that the two acre minimum lot may include part of a Conservancy Area within the two acres. By updating and modifying Prof. Charles Eliot's analysis of "Existing Land Uses" on page 18 of his 1962 "Master Plan" Report we submit the following revised table of present and potential land use.

TABLE I  
PROBABLE FUTURE LAND USE AND MAXIMUM  
POPULATION UNDER PRESENT ZONING

	Acres	Acres
Total Area Within Town Boundaries		15,609
<b>Deductions</b>		
Areas in Ponds	378	
Areas in Swamps	1,786	
Steep areas (over 15% slope)	757	
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	2,921	
Balance available for buildings		12,688



**\*Committed Public Uses**

Roads (including present I-95)	1,000
Power Lines and old R.R. right-of-way	133
State Forest, etc., less ponds and swamps	542
Town properties	200
Proposed widening of I-95 (est.)	235
Proposed State Park north of Baldpate Pond	40
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	2,150

Balance available for buildings	10,538
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**\*Semi-public Uses**

Golf courses, camps, etc. not in official Open Space Districts	538
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Balance available for buildings	10,000
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\*Adjusted by estimate to 1967 from the 1961 data of the Eliot Report.

**Further Land Already or Soon to be Committed**

	Acres	Acres
Existing dwellings to June 30, 1967	900	
Business Districts	300	
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Balance available for building		8,800
Deduct 20% for large estates and future roads, schools, parks, etc.	1,760	
Balance estimated available in the future for building		7,040
		Dwellings
Divide by two for 2-acre lots =		3,520
		Persons
Multiply by 3.73 persons per house =		13,129
Add present population		3,400
		<hr/>
Total probable ultimate future population under present Zoning		16,529

This figure is consistent with Prof. Eliot's 1961 estimate (page 16) of "from 14,000 to 17,000 for the year 'X'."

### Rate of Future Population Growth

Figures previously furnished for the number of building permits issued each year from '60 through '66 total 326 or an average of 47 annually. However that period included two depressed years in the home-building industry and based on present subdivision plans already approved or being studied by the Planning Board, we would hazard a guess that the average of the next ten years will be 70 new dwellings. If we multiply this by the present average family size of 3.73, the increase in the next 10 years will be 2,611 making a 1977 population of 6,011. This is a rate of growth only slightly greater than in the years 1955-'65 and if our prosperity and birth rate continue to hold steady we foresee an even greater rate of growth from '77-'87. Thus we predict the possibility of the Year "X" (when the Town is approaching its saturation point of 16,529 under the present Zoning) arriving around 2020. However if the large lot zoning minimum is reduced, the population is certain to expand much faster.

As a means of checking the above predictions, we have examined the projected school enrollments kindly furnished by Dr. Herbert A. Rouisse, Superintendent of the Boxford Elementary School System and by Mr. Julius H. Mueller, Superintendent of the Masconomet Regional High School. These projections are as follows:

	Elementary Students	High School Students from Boxford
1967 (Actual)	643	521
1968	658	590
1969	660	667
1970	669	717
1971	666	777
1972	680	824
1973		900

The Elementary School projection has been prepared under an old-fashioned system (based on the number of births



in Boxford) of which Dr. Rouisse does not approve and which was markedly inaccurate in 1967 when 643 students appeared in October 1967 at the Elementary Schools, when only 563 had been predicted in the 1966 projection. Therefore, the above figures for the Elementary Schools are described by Dr. Rouisse as "ultra conservative" and he believes the actual number of students will be much greater because of the rapid in-migration of new families with children of elementary school age.

Similarly, in the case of the Regional High School, Mr. Mueller has already sent out a warning that whereas the standard 1966 projection for the High School arrived at a total enrollment of 2,000 from all three towns in 1972-73, it is now expected to be at least 2,155 in that year. It therefore appears that neither Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the old methods of projections are correct.

It will be noted that in the foregoing table the percent increase of enrollment predicted in the Elementary Schools from 1967 (643) to 1972 (680) is an increase of only 5.75% in five years while in the case of the High School the predicted increase from 521 to 824 during the same five years is 41.8%. In actual fact the Elementary School enrollment increased from 563 in 1966 to 643 in 1967, an increase of 14.2% in **one** year! Therefore we feel that the Elementary School prediction contained in the table above is fantastically low while the High School prediction is in close concurrence with our own views.

Also, in considering our predictions, the reader should keep in mind that our figures include students in private and parochial schools and in colleges; all of which categories are necessarily omitted from the Boxford public school predictions.

To summarize, we expect an average annual increase of Boxford residents of 261 persons for each of the next ten years. Assuming the present population to be 3400, this is an increase of about 7.5% of the present figure for the **average** of each of the ten years, but presumably would be lower at first and greater toward the end of this period.

## REGIONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN RELATION TO RECREATION

Section 2 of the Eliot Report deals with Regional considerations as he recorded them in 1961. Since that time the following significant changes have occurred, and these are listed under the same headings and in the same sequence as in the Eliot Report.

### **Transportation**

It is now proposed to double up Route I-95 through Boxford by building a new one-way road on the east side of the present I-95. Although no exact alignment has been announced, we have estimated in Table I the number of acres which will be added to the right-of-way. The only important recreational effect will be that, reportedly, some of the grounds of the Masconomet Regional High School will be confiscated.

The increase in population in Boxford and surrounding towns has increased the traffic on nearly all the Town's roads and this will continue to become worse. If the land recently acquired by the State north of Baldpate Pond is developed as a park and swimming beach, open to anyone, this will further increase congestion on all roads leading to the site. Some of the new roads proposed in the Eliot report should be built and some of the older roads should be widened.

### **Land Use**

The State has acquired about 70 acres of land on the north side of Baldpate Pond as mentioned above. About half this acreage is in Boxford and the balance in Georgetown.

The Spofford Pond School has been built.

The Salem Y.M.C.A. has acquired the 80 acres, bath house and swimming pool which formerly comprised the Camelot Club.

An attractive new colonial type shopping center and Post Office has been built on the Shulman property off Georgetown Road southeast of Baldpate Pond. At this writing no stores appear to be rented or occupied except the Post Office.

A Committee has been appointed to make recommendations for the new Town Center proposed by Prof. Eliot east of

Spofford Pond (page 27). This is now proposed to be a Government Center only (no business zone) with provisions for a new Town Hall including the Police, Fire and Highway Departments.

### **Open Spaces**

The Trustees of Reservations and Phillips Exeter Academy acting jointly have plans under way to greatly enlarge the Charles W. Ward Reservation in nearby North Andover.

The large Bradley Palmer State Forest in Topsfield and Ipswich has been provided with better recreational facilities than previously. There are bridle paths, hiking trails, picnic grounds and a children's wading pool, all well maintained.

More parking spaces for out-of-towners have been provided at the Crane Memorial Reservation Beach in Ipswich, but it is still overcrowded on very hot weekends and holidays, and visitors are turned away when the parking lot has been filled. The parking fee per car has been increased to \$1.00 regularly and \$2.50 weekends and holidays.

A new golf course in Boxford of about 150 acres on Mt. Hayman, called the Far Corner Golf Course, is nearing completion. Many other new golf courses near Boxford have been constructed or announced. These include two not far away in Ipswich and one along Nichols Brook, just south of Boxford in Topsfield and Middleton. Therefore there is not the faintest need to construct a public golf course in Boxford.

The Eliot report does not mention the ski slopes and tows which have been developed very close to Boxford in Beverly, Hamilton and on Boston Hill in North Andover. At the latter artificial snow is provided. The adjoining Ward Reservation (to be enlarged) will provide additional informal slopes and cross-country running. These features plus the other Wildlife Reservations in and near Boxford provide sufficient skiing and snowshoeing of all types, for those who wish them, close to home. Therefore Boxford need not acquire any more land for winter sports purposes, with the possible exception of skating.

A glance at Prof. Eliot's regional map (page 5) or the official Boxford Zoning Map, reproduced as a part of this report,

indicates the really vast extent of the present public open spaces now existing in and around Boxford. Additional open spaces are assured by the Conservancy and Open Space Zoning. Furthermore, several owners of large tracts have stated that they do not intend to subdivide in the foreseeable future. With the possible exception of the north end of town, no more open spaces should be acquired by the Town unless they can meet specific needs such as school sites, swimming areas, horse-back riding trails, parks for organized sports, or filling in gaps between other reservations.

### RECREATION IN BOXFORD

In addition to its large acreage devoted to Wildlife Reservations, Conservancy Districts and Public Open Spaces, all of which provide facilities for passive recreation, hiking, fishing, picnicking and winter sports, Boxford also provides organized outdoor sports activities at the several schools, the Town Bathing Beach and the Boy Scout Park. A description follows:

#### **Masconomet Regional School District**

- Running Track
- Football
- Baseball (2)
- Tennis Courts (4)

#### **Spofford Pond School**

- Basketball
- Little League Baseball
- Touch Football
- Swings

#### **Gardner Morse School**

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Swings and Seesaws
- Lawn area for turf sports, including touch football

#### **Cole and Aaron Wood Schools**

- Baseball
- Basketball



Touch Football  
Swings and Slides

### **Boy Scout Park**

Hockey rink with skate changing shed.  
Small skating pond  
Small swimming pond in brook  
Parking area  
Full size baseball diamond under construction

### **Bathing**

Although Boxford has many sizeable ponds, and although many private homes and semi-public camps, such as the North Bennet St. and Rotary Camps, have fine bathing beaches, there is a great shortage of Town swimming beaches. The only two bathing areas now available within the Town to the townspeople are the small, very cold, artificial swimming hole at Boy Scout Park, which has already been mentioned, and the Town Bathing Beach. This beach, operated by the First Congregational Church, is located on the south side of Baldpate Pond, **not** on the land at the east and northeast end of the pond owned by the Town, but on part of Dr. Shulman's land which is zoned for Retail Business. The reason for the above is that the Shulman land has a small sandy beach about 90' long, fronting on deep water. The Town-owned land is in a wooded area which at present has no beach and less deep water with a muddy bottom. It is also less accessible than the Shulman Beach. Dr. Shulman may terminate Town use of his beach at any time he chooses.

Any town resident may use the Shulman beach by the payment to the Church of \$15.00 per season per family. The beach is very intensively used. For example on Tuesday, July 25, 1967 at 10:15 A.M. just as a dense haze was clearing there were already about 130 persons at the beach (mostly very young children), the parking lot was two-thirds filled, and new people were arriving at the rate of a carload a minute (mostly to participate in the Red Cross swimming lessons which were scheduled five days a week for a month).

There are three unfavorable factors which may in the long run result in the termination of all swimming in Baldpate Pond by the townspeople as such. First, the Pond is slowly silting in, with consequent slow but steady reduction in its capacity for bathers. Second, as already described, the State is planning to develop a public bathing beach on the north shore of the Pond and has already acquired a large tract of land for this purpose, with the result that the load of bathers from that source alone may be enough to raise pollution in the Pond to its safe minimum. Third, Dr. Shulman may at any time terminate swimming by townspeople on the present so-called Town Beach. For these reasons the Town should provide for future bathing elsewhere than on Baldpate Pond. A discussion of some of the other ponds follows.

1. Johnson's, Chadwick and Hovey's Ponds, which are all the large ponds that occur in the north end of Town, are all part of the Haverhill water supply district and by State Law may not now be used for swimming.
2. Fowler (or Sperry's Pond) is now used as a local swimming hole but is not suited for expansion in terms of water area or available land for a parking area, to serve as a Town beach.
3. Spofford Pond is too shallow for swimming.
4. Four Mile Pond which is used nearly to capacity by the North Bennet St. Industrial School Camp, has red colored water and is not desirable for a Town beach.
5. Cedar, Fowler and Stevens Ponds are too small and otherwise unsuited. Lowe Pond is also regarded as unsuitable for a Town Beach, and Towne Pond is really only a swamp.
6. Stiles Pond, located in the north central part of Town is the only pond of any size which has not so far been mentioned. This is a large pond suitable for boating as well as swimming, which has resulted in five separate activities making intensive use of it already. These are Camp Rotary, the Girl Scout Camp, the Danvers and Wakefield Y.M.C.A. Camps and the public bathing beach operated privately by Mr. George Clay. The last mentioned are all approached



from Main St. which runs west of the Pond, by a network of narrow gravel roads in very poor condition. The Danvers Y.M.C.A. Camp and the Clay Beach are separated along the shore line by the considerable frontage of the private holding of Harry L. Cole. The shore fronts of Messrs. Clay and Cole, if combined would provide an excellent Town bathing beach and also space for parking, tennis and field sports.

### Tennis

The four tennis courts at the Masconomet Regional High School are the only public tennis courts in Boxford. These courts may be used during the off season and off hours by the adult residents of all three towns of the Region and hence are not adequate in number. This shortage is heightened by the fact that there are only about ten private tennis courts in Town. Semi-public tennis courts are available at various nearby country clubs and there is a new, but expensive, private tennis club in Middleton.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Town's most immediate recreational need is to complete the development of Boy Scout Park. A plan showing how this should be done is included in this report. It involves enlarging the swimming hole, providing for building three tennis courts, a softball field, motor parking and a bath house with public toilets. The balance of the old gravel pit area should be loamed, seeded and planted, to provide a park-like appearance.
2. In the near future new tennis courts should also be built at the Morse and Spofford Schools. It is recommended that these be at least twin-court size whenever possible. There is also a possible location for twin-courts on Town-owned land on Ipswich Rd. near Camp Rotary, but this is too remote for development in the near future.
3. The Masconomet Regional High School has been in the process of adding to its site ever since 1961 (as recommended by Prof. Eliot) and now includes about 90 acres in Boxford and Topsfield. Negotiations are under way to obtain an

additional 5.7 acres and when this has been done, the site will be large enough to meet all foreseeable future needs, both for structures on the higher portions of the land and for athletic fields which can be placed on the lower (buildable) portions. It is reported that the proposed widening of Route I-95 will delete about 0.6 acres from the site and require relocation of the Ballfield.

As soon as it is known exactly what damage the widening of Route I-95 will do to the School grounds, the Regional High School Committee will arrange to reconstruct the damaged facilities elsewhere. It is planned also to build additional tennis courts and carry out the conservation recommendations made in the Eliot Report, page 32.

4. The Town should arrange now for the future construction of another "Boy Scout Park" at the north end of Town and this park should be planned especially to provide later for all future needs for swimming, skating, tennis, field sports and parking in its general neighborhood. The size of the park should be at least 12 acres. Ideally the park should be located on the shores of Hovey's Pond, either by lease from the New England Power Co. which owns but does not use the southeast shore line of the pond and a large wooded tract in back of it, or at the northeast corner of the Pond where there is excellent flat agricultural land a small private boat landing.

It has already been noted that the 29-acre Hovey's Pond, which is reported to be 75' deep in places and has excellent water for swimming, is at present part of the Haverhill Water Supply District since its overflow runs into Johnson's Pond 1.2 miles away, and hence by State Law swimming is prohibited. However, there is reason to believe that this prohibition will in the future be lifted if an effort is made jointly with Haverhill in that direction. An explanation follows:

- a. Hovey's Pond watershed area consists of only about  $\frac{3}{4}$  sq. miles of the 5.9 square mile watershed area of John-

son's Pond (which also includes the very large Chadwick Pond). Furthermore only about 500,000 gallons per day runs out off Hovey's Pond into the Haverhill water supply, an amount the State Dept. of Public Health terms insignificant compared to the 750,000 gallons per day **per square mile** which is calculated to be the yield for the whole 5.9 square mile area. And still further the population of Haverhill has been shrinking over a long period so that there is no shortage of water there.

- b. Unlike Lawrence, which by special legislation is allowed to draw its water directly from the heavily polluted Merrimack River, Haverhill has no water treatment plant. Worms and other unpleasant objects are frequently found in Haverhill's drinking water with the result that the State Dept. of Public Health has long been urging Haverhill to build a water treatment plant. When this is done, there should be no trouble in legislating Hovey's Pond into a swimming area, regardless of the overflow. It might even be done anyway.
  - c. If it appears that swimming in Hovey's Pond is legally too far away, it will be always possible to build a filtered swimming pool on the shores of Hovey's Pond in any case.
5. A Town park and bathing beach should be established at the west end of Stiles Pond. As at Hovey's Pond, at least 12 acres would be needed. Privately held land would have to be acquired for this purpose, either by negotiated purchase or by eminent domain proceedings. If negotiation is possible, one of the provisions might well be that the present usage could continue until such time as the present Town Beach on Baldpate Pond becomes inadequate or is closed by its owner.

If the standards of the State Board of Health are applied to the rainwater runoff of about one square mile which feeds Stiles Pond, its daily capacity without possible water pollution is 1500 bathers. However it is reported that this pond is also fed by underwater springs and, if so, each 500

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additional gallons per day provided from sources outside the surface rainwater runoff area would permit one additional bather per day. Thus the true capacity may be 2000, or even more.

**REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

During the past year communications drills were held with Sector 1E Headquarters of Civil Defense in Lawrence and monthly meetings were attended.

It is again brought to the attention of the townspeople that fallout shelter protection should be included in all new public building construction.

The cooperation of the Selectmen and all departments is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. RUSSELL

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH****Public Health**

A state-wide, state supported immunization study was begun this year in the field of Public Health. The study is being done in Boxford by Mrs. Jane Dustin, R.N., who began work with us on Oct. 1. During the year 1967, 12 visits to Newborns were made and 22 Two-year olds were visited. The remaining 1967 visits will be completed in January 1968. The study will be continued this year but will include only Newborns. Hopefully we will receive notification of the birth of a baby within 30 days, the time limit set by the state for making the Newborn visit. Your local Board has the responsibility for other visits, mainly Tuberculosis, made by the Public Health nurse. Tine tests for the detection of T.B. are available to Boxford residents and may be obtained from the school or the Public Health nurse.

**Mental Health**

Boxford is a member of the Mental Health Association of the North Shore, Inc. in Salem. This is a private non-profit



organization providing emergency psychiatric and emotional care to children, adults or families. Children are sometimes referred by the schools. Another name for the organization is the Child Guidance Center. Boxford formerly belonged to a similar organization operating out of Haverhill.

### **Prevention**

Through the influence of Charles Pinkham, the Board of Health obtained 200 doses of Asiatic Flu vaccine, which were given to town employees and school personnel. One hundred doses which were not used were assigned to Topsfield. An immunization clinic is being planned for sometime in March. Notice of the exact date will be sent from the school and will also be in the paper. Immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus, polio and measles will be available for both children and adults. Given below is the recommended schedule of immunizations.

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Division of Communicable Diseases  
RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATION PROCEDURES**

Age or Time Interval	Immunizing Agent	Comments
At 2-3 months of age	DTP <sup>1</sup> OPV <sup>2</sup>	1 DTP — Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine, Combined.
4-6 weeks later	DTP	2 OPV — Sabin trivalent oral Polio vaccine. 3 SP — Smallpox vaccine.
4-6 weeks later	DTP	4 DT — Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids, Combined. 5 TD — Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids, Combined, FOR ADULT USE.
6 or more months after 2nd feeding of OPV	OPV	OPV — If primary immunization against poliomyelitis is started after 12 months of age, <b>two</b> rather than three feedings are sufficient. There should be an interval of at least two months between the two feedings. A single fill-in feeding on entering school for the first time is recommended for all children immunized during their preschool years.
At 9-12 months of age	Live Measles Vaccine	DT — If primary immunization against Diphtheria and Tetanus is started between the 6th and 12th year <b>two</b> rather than three injections (of DT) are sufficient. A booster should be given 12 months after the 2nd injection.
12 months after third injection of DTP	DTP Booster	TD — If primary immunization against Diphtheria and Tetanus is started after the 14th year <b>two</b> rather than three injections (of TD) are sufficient. A booster should be given 12 months after the 2nd injection.
At 12-24 months of age	SP <sup>3</sup> Vaccination	<b>N.B.</b> It is recommended that a booster injection against Diphtheria and Tetanus (TD) and Smallpox re-vaccination be given at approximately ten year intervals during adult life.
On entering kindergarten or Grade 1	DTP Booster SP Revaccinations OPV Fill-in Feeding	
From 6-12 years of age	DT <sup>4</sup>	
At 14-15 years of age	SP Revaccination TD <sup>5</sup> Booster	



Parents of children who will be starting first grade in September will please notice that a new law requires that all children receive DPT booster, smallpox vaccination and a polio drink before entering school. Smallpox will not be given at the clinic however. Adults are urged to take advantage of the clinic for a polio drink and tetanus boosters particularly.

Last year a free measles clinic was held to which only three children came. When we had a rabies clinic for dogs, 150 dogs showed up.

Anyone who has a communicable disease is urged to report this to one of the members of the Board of Health or to Jane Dustin, our Public Health nurse. Not only does this help the state to keep more accurate records, but it also aids mothers in the town who might be puzzled by a certain rash and hadn't heard that "X" disease was going around.

### **Regarding the Establishment of a Proposed Health District**

The town has in the past employed Tracy Flagg, part-time, as a sanitary engineer. Among his duties are the inspection of new wells and their positioning with regard to leaching beds and septic tanks. He is also qualified to help owners of inadequate systems to re-engineer their systems for maximum efficiency. In addition he inspects food handlers, summer camps, eating places, etc. to make sure they conform to State codes. There are other aspects of a sanitary engineer's job such as inspection of milk delivered to private homes in Boxford. Since the town is growing we feel that our need for these services will increase, and members of the Board of Health are engaged in trying to establish a Regional Health District with Topsfield, and hopefully Wenham, as set forth in Article 16 of the Warrant. The Board of Health budget for the coming year reflects the estimated added expense to the Town of Boxford.

### **Dump**

No town report is complete without some mention of the local exchange, or dump as it is also referred to. Funds are lacking for the employment of a full time supervisor to make sure that trash and rubbish are deposited in the proper place.

Dumping unnecessarily far away from anyone else's trash means that Mr. Noyes has to bulldoze the rubbish to a central place for burning.

We welcome single loads of brush from your yard at spring cleaning time, only asking that they be left in the areas designated for brush (and not with the trash). This again is to facilitate burning. Some very nice people in town have questioned the charge we place on the disposal of TRUCKLOADS of stumps. This is made necessary by the fact that brush and stumps take an extra long time to burn and someone has to be paid to do the burning. The charge has been \$2.00 for brush and \$5.00 for stumps and junk autos.

For the disposal of effluents and solid waste from septic tanks, a new leaching bed is available. This is for the use of Boxford residents only.

In view of the fact that many of the surrounding towns no longer have a dump and open burning, we hope everyone will cooperate in helping us maintain a clean respectable dump, of which we can all be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. PINKHAM, II  
HARRY L. COLE  
UNA K. BAKEWELL

## REPORT OF THE SANITARY ENGINEER

Board of Health  
Town Hall  
Boxford, Mass., 01921

Gentlemen:

I submit the following as my report for 1967:

In the course of the year, there were 41 final inspections made of new sewage disposal installations. Care was taken that these systems would not be apt to contaminate wells located in the same areas. In turn, the sewage leaching systems of the older houses should not be allowed to contaminate new wells. Three existing systems were remodelled. Nine proposed

systems, for which permits had previously been requested, were abandoned.

Nine samples of water were obtained from semi-public sources; all were found to be satisfactory. In addition, three semi-public swimming pools were tested for adequate chlorination. After a repeat inspection, all were found to be satisfactory. Two conferences were held on private water supply quality.

I inspected all the recreational camps during their season of operation. Samples of their swimming water were obtained and found to be satisfactory.

In addition to the work outlined above, various inspections, visits and conferences were conducted because of complaints and for the purpose of routine protection of the public health. These inspections covered such matters as farm labor camps, odor complaints, food establishments and private swimming pools.

Very truly yours,

TRACY I. FLAGG, P.E., R.S.

Sanitary Engineer

## REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the town of Boxford:

Report for the year ending December 31, 1967

Aid to Families with Dependent Children	2 Cases	3 children
Disability Assistance		2 Cases
Medical Assistance		15 Cases
Old Age Assistance		9 Cases
General Relief		None

The year 1967 continued to reflect the change and liberalization of the Public Welfare programs which began in 1962 with the requirements and standards set by the Federal Government in providing social services, as well as, assistance payments. The trend continues to be toward less stringent formal eligibility requirements, and more toward a simple

declaration of need. The medicaid program has increased proportionately higher than the other programs administered by this office as reflected by the above total increase in program assistance.

The single most important advance in social welfare, apart from the institution of Medicare was the continuation of Title XIX of the 1965 Amendment to the Social Security Act.

This program, popularly known as Medicaid or Medical Assistance replaced Medical Assistance to the Aged which applied only to those 65 years of age or over. It became effective in September 1966 and allows payments for medical care to many who have heretofore been excluded from other forms of public assistance. In many respects, it can be viewed as a handmaiden to Medicare, since, for recipients over 65 it will pay for all medical care not covered by Medicare and for those under 65, it will provide complete medical coverage. The program also pays medical costs for those receiving public aid under the Old Age Assistance, Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Disability Assistance programs. In effect, these recipients are receiving two forms of assistance, both heavily subsidized by the Federal Government. The following is an example of an income group to whom the program could be helpful — Families of 4 who have a net annual income of \$4,044.00 will qualify for assistance, within certain limits. The town's share of the cost of the program is  $16\frac{2}{3}\%$  — the state's  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  — federal government — 50%.

Concomitant with advances within the various programs and the extension of coverage to a wider range of income groups is the increased overall cost of maintaining public welfare programs. In 1967, among specific contributing factors were the constantly rising costs of medical services. Hospital and nursing home rates were raised, as well as fees for specialists, consultants, general practitioners, podiatrists, nursing services and laboratory tests. In addition, in those welfare categories which provide cash grants, Old Age Assistance; Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Disability Assistance, monthly budget payments were raised to allow for a higher level of subsistence.



There were several personnel changes made in the district office during the year. Miss Annette Faucher left for marriage. Mr. Jeghelian left to become director of Public Assistance in Nashoba Valley District office in Bedford, Acton, Mass.

The Board wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and all other town officers, the Community Nurse and the townspeople for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY LEE COLE, Chairman

MAURICE L. MEDOFF, Director

DOROTHY YASI, Social Worker

### REPORT OF THE MICROFILMING COMMITTEE

During the year 1967 the Graphic Microfilm of New England, Inc., has copied the following items from the Town Safe:

Printed Town Valuation Books for 1855, 1881,  
1904 and 1921

Town Warrants 1727 through 1823 (some missing)

The printed town valuation books are very useful for those searching land titles and copies are rare.

The warrants are original manuscripts and include a great deal of historic information on Town matters during the Revolution, the War of 1812 and church and school affairs. The microfilm negatives are stored in a fireproof box at the Microfilm Company's building.

During 1968 the Committee plans to complete the examination of all remaining materials at the Town Hall of possible historic value which should be preserved by microfilming and will then submit a definite request for funds to cover same.

The 1967 account is as follows:

Appropriation March 1967	\$150.00
Pd. to Graphic Microfilm of N.E.	104.96
Ultra Security Vault	32.54

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Balance returned to General Fund	\$12.50
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WINTHROP P. HAYNES, Chairman

MISS RUBY NASON

MISS WINNIFRED PARKHURST

## **REPORT OF THE BOXFORD WATER AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

The search for underground water sources for the two major population centers of the town continued in 1967. Having drilled and tested all the geographically and financially feasible areas in East Boxford to no avail, the committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the developed well adjacent to Route 95, off Middleton Road (on the old Holmes Estate property) be acquired by the town when that land became available. The special town meeting this fall approved the appropriation of \$18,000 for the purchase of the developed well and the surrounding 8 acres.

Statistically, in 1967, approximately 900 feet of pipe was driven at 12 locations for 26 individual well sites. The state analyzed water samples from two wells, approving one and disapproving the other.

At the time of the submittal of this report, a capacity pumping test is being conducted on the State approved well. Test results not yet completed are indicating a potential of one-half million gallons a day yield from the one well. It is located in the town forest in West Boxford and will require very little in the way of land acquisitions or easements because of its location on town owned property.

The anticipation of potential population growth of the town coupled with the need for sufficient water for fire protection in a growing community seem to indicate that a second source may be needed in the West Boxford sector of town.

The committee will direct its efforts in 1968 to the codification and evaluation of the results of our testing program. We wish to thank those citizens who cooperated in the exploration by permitting their land to be tested. In particular the committee wishes to thank Dr. Winthrop Haynes who worked closely in directing the areas to be tested again this year.



Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. CHENEY, Chairman  
BUELL BASSETTE  
PATRICIA BAILLY  
DONALD SCUTIERE  
CLAYTON NELSON  
Boxford Water and Drainage Committee

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Three dangerous roadway situations were corrected during the year. The sharp curve at Stevens Pond on Ipswich Road was widened; a dangerous sharp rise, near a school bus stoop, was eliminated on Main Street in West Boxford, and the exit from Kelsey Road onto Route 97 was widened and graded. Mr. Leonard Nangle sold the necessary land for this to the Town for a dollar, and the Ipswich Road land was similarly received from Mr. Raymond Perley. We are indebted to both these gentlemen for their civic contribution.

Principal highway work undertaken during the year was continuation of the Middleton Road work under Chapter 90 Construction. The land necessary for relocation of the road in this area was taken at a cost of \$3,129.50, representing a previously established price of 5½ cents per square foot. Some 2,000 yards of ledge had to be blasted to obtain the proper grade. Formal request has been made to the Department of Public Works in Danvers to permit an increase in grade on the proposed 1968 construction, as the cost of blasting is prohibitive if the present grade is maintained.

Drainage problems were corrected by installation of culverts and catch basins on Lake Shore Road, Baldpate Road, and two places on Main Street. Increased traffic in the center of Town made it advisable to widen the exit from the firehouse driveway and remove one tree from the Common. Under Chapter 679 and Chapter 90 maintenance, a portion of Topsfield Road and Elm Street was excavated to within 100 feet of Cross Road and the road hot-topped.

On April first a kick-off dinner for the proposed Regional Vocational School was held in Byfield. There had been earlier meetings throughout the county and several more were held during the year, at which the Selectmen were represented.

On April fourth a warrant was served on the Georgetown Sand & Gravel Company in the matter of operation of their pit in West Boxford, and on April 24th, 25th and 26th, several Town officials appeared as witnesses in the Superior Court in Lawrence.

Under the direction of the American Legion Post No. 379, the War Memorial honor roll in front of the Town Hall was re-established, brought up to date, and the planting renewed. Mr. Charles Killam donated his equipment to move the large evergreens to a new location on Town property, and Mr. Donald Curran contributed flowering material for the planting.

In the spring, Selectmen arranged to have a large chimney standing in the burned-out Spofford house on Spofford Road pushed over, and have since received the owner's written permission to burn completely the remains of the house which are still a hazard.

The Firemen's parade and sports program highlighted the Fourth of July. Many Town organizations shared in making the celebration an outstanding one.

The Police Department's move from the Aaron Wood School to the new headquarters building opposite the Congregational Church was effected on August 15th, and this central location has proved very convenient.

During October several meetings were held with the Topsfield Board of Selectmen and Civil Defense officials to investigate the practicality of establishing a joint communications system, and further developments are still pending. Also in October, officers of both Topsfield and Boxford took part in the official opening of the new quarters of the "Box-Top" Community Club.

In September Mr. Richard Gysan purchased the former Holmes property and the possibility of buying the proven well on the land was investigated by Town officials. On Friday the 13th of October, agreement was reached and confirmed by a handshake for purchase of the 7.8 acre lot for \$18,000. At a special Town meeting on October 20th the voters approved the purchase and the deed to the well and land was received on November 21st.

The Town was saddened in December by two tragic deaths. Thompson Lowell, 12 years old, was drowned in a skating accident at Lowe's Pond on December 7th, and news was received on December 3rd of the death of Marine Lance Corporal James

L. Melvin, age 20, killed in battle in Vietnam. He was Boxford's first casualty in the Vietnam war. Among medals awarded to him and since received by his parents were the Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

The Town of Georgetown ran a water line into Boxford to service the new Canterbury Apartments, located in Georgetown, but which can be reached only by King George Drive in Boxford.

At present the upstairs room in the Town Hall is rented for use by various organizations and the revenue has been enough so that the Hall is virtually self-supporting. Re-arrangement of the first floor is planned for early in 1968 to provide more efficient space for the increased activity of the Town's officers and committees.

Sunday, August 20th, was a red letter day for the firemen and the Town when Mr. Richard G. Hopping presented to the Town a 3 x 6 foot handsome detailed map of the Town he had prepared to show specific information on more than 18 elements of vital importance in the control of fires, such as location and size of gas and power lines, areas of fire flow, location and type of water sources, with information as to any seasonal limitations on amount or availability. This philanthropic gift represents man hours, skill, research and materials to a value well over a thousand dollars. Every resident of Town over six years of age can learn from this map, which hangs on the West wall of the firehouse.

A time-consuming problem which had seemed Jonah-ed for many months, was overcome in part on December 18th, when a full day was spent removing peat from Mr. Gysan's property for use at the ball field in the Boy Scout recreation area.

Mr. Ernest Benedict, of Ipswich Road, gave the Town an Auto-Stat copying machine which will prove a great convenience for the Town office. Boxford residents and officials continue to appreciate and benefit from the courtesy and generosity of many individuals. At Christmas the churches and sev-

eral public buildings were decorated by Garden Club members; individuals provided wreaths for the Town offices, and Dr. Simeon Locke sent decorated green wreaths for the outside doors.

In closing we wish to express our appreciation for the generous gift of many hours of time in the preparation of various reports by an expert typist, Mrs. Carlyle Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE, Chairman

JOHN EVANS

CLAYTON B. LARRABEE

Board of Selectmen

### **REPORT OF TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**

During the year no cutting or road work was carried out on the Town Forest, so no sums were expended.

The committee members approved the request of the Water Finding Committee to carry out tests for a town water supply upon the Forest property. That work was in progress at the close of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. MORSS, Chairman

ROBERT B. PARKHURST

WINTHROP P. HAYNES

### **THE ESSEX COUNTY, REVERE, WINTHROP, NORTH READING MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

**1967**

The Essex County, Revere, Winthrop, North Reading Mosquito Control Project was organized during the summer of 1965. Actual work in the field began during the winter of 1965-66. In 1965 seventeen towns and cities of Essex County were enrolled in the County Project. The city of Revere and the



town of Winthrop, both of Suffolk County were added through special legislation during 1965, bringing the total communities originally served by the Project to nineteen. During the past two years, the towns of Georgetown, Hamilton, and the city of Newburyport, have voluntarily joined. The town of North Reading, from Middlesex County became a member in July of 1967. The territory now covered by the Project is 315.8 square miles in twenty-three cities and towns.

A report of the work accomplished by the Project in the town of Boxford during 1967:

1. Winter prehatch or ice dusting for larvae control — 17 acres
2. Spring larviciding with #2 fuel oil — 21 acres
3. Spring larviciding with Abate — 37 acres

Days during summer when Project equipment sprayed to control the adult mosquitoes:

1. June 5, 6
2. July 11, 18, 25
3. August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 30
4. September 5, 6, 11, 18

Mosquito control can not be accomplished overnight. The creation of the Essex County Mosquito Control Project is a major step toward reducing the mosquito menace in this area of the state. The cooperation, understanding, and support of the general public is necessary to insure the effectiveness and expansion of the work now in progress.

The task is difficult but by no means impossible.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER BEDROSIAN,

Robert W. Spencer  
Superintendent

Boxford Rep. to Essex County  
Mosquito Project

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE LAND FROM**

### **NORTH BENNETT STREET INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL**

The committee met several times and also conferred with the Executive Committee of the North Bennett Street Indus-



trial School. Our activities resulted in the completion of details on the purchase from the School of a small one-half acre parcel of land by the Town, the abandonment of the old Ipswich Road right of way in the area of the School by Essex County, and the development of a basis for the possible future purchase of an additional 2.15 acres of land presently owned by the School, said parcel being adjacent to other land presently owned by the Town in the Spofford Road area. The School's Executive Committee formally voted to offer this land to the Town before otherwise disposing of it.

It was also determined through our discussions with the School's Executive Committee that the School has no present intention of abandoning its camp activities in Boxford. The 30 acre site presently used during the summer months is not for sale and will not be for sale in the foreseeable future. The Executive Committee voted to notify the Town in the event that a determination is made at some future date to cease operating a camp in Boxford.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that the Town take title to the one-half acre parcel near the corner of Spofford Road and Ipswich Road forthwith. We also recommend that if and when the Town decides to relocate its municipal offices and other Town departments in the Spofford Road area, that further negotiations be initiated for the purchase by the Town of the parcel of 2.15 acres of land located northeasterly of Ipswich Road.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN EVANS  
ROBERT C. BUELL  
WARREN GODFREY  
CHESTER K. TWISS

### **REPORT OF THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**

This committee was created by vote of the Annual Town Meeting of March 6, 1967 on Article 32, as follows:

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five persons to study the procedures of enforcement of the Zoning By-law of the town and the duties of the Building Inspector and report to the next annual town meeting regarding improvements to such procedures, said committee to be composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Board of Appeals, and two interested citizens.

We have studied the Zoning By-law with respect to enforcement procedures, and the duties of the Building Inspector and other inspectors — the Plumbing Inspector, the Wiring Inspector, the Gas Inspector, the Fire Chief, and the Board of Health, as they are incidental to the duties of the Building Inspector. We find that the Zoning By-law **generally** provides adequate enforcement procedures; however, in order to provide adequately for the orderly growth of the Town, we make the following recommendations.

### **1. Building Inspector**

The Selectmen should take immediate steps to appoint a qualified Building Inspector who will be able to devote adequate time to the enforcement of the zoning by-law and building code. It may be financially desirable to share such inspector with another community.

### **2. Procedural Changes**

a. The Selectmen shall require that all applications, permits, and correspondence pertaining thereto shall be on file at the Town Hall and be made available to the public during the usual business hours.

b. Although the present application for permit to build is considered satisfactory, the Selectmen shall adopt a revised building permit form, requiring the signatures of all pertinent inspectors before final approval by the Building Inspector. When the Building Inspector affixes his final signatures, this form shall also constitute an occupancy permit, as defined in the Zoning By-law, in Section IX-C.

c. The Building Inspector shall report to the Selectmen in person on a regular basis, and at their request.

d. Whenever the Board of Appeals instructs the Building Inspector to issue a permit, it shall include a copy of the decision of the Board of Appeals. Compliance with such permits shall be insured by monthly review of the Building Inspector and enforced as set forth in the By-law.

e. All non-conforming uses shall be checked annually by the Building Inspector to insure continued compliance with Section III of the Zoning By-law.

f. We recommend that the Planning Board initiate action to amend the Zoning By-law by deleting Section IX-D and substitute the following for Section IX-D:

Appeals. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a permit, or by any order or decision of the Building Inspector, or any officer or board of the Town, or by the refusal of the Building Inspector to take formal action on a written request for enforcement of this By-law within fourteen (14) days, may appeal to the Board of Appeals in the manner provided by Section 13 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as amended. Any such appeals shall be filed within twenty (20) days of the action or refusal. "Whenever such permit is refused because of some provision of this By-law, the reason therefor shall be clearly stated in writing."

g. We recommend that the Planning Board initiate action to amend the Zoning By-law by striking "twenty" in Section IX-E and substituting in place thereof — "fifty."

We strongly urge that the officials mentioned herein adopt these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. HARVEY, Chairman

RUTH E. RACE, Clerk

ROLAND W. BUTTERS, JR.,

Board of Appeals

WILLIAM E. DORMAN,

Planning Board

JOHN EVANS,

Board of Selectmen

# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## RECEIPTS FOR 1967

Frederick A. Smallman, Collector

Taxes, current year:

Real Estate	\$618,616.24	
Personal Property	55,856.57	
	<hr/>	\$674,472.81 ✓

Taxes, previous years:

Real Estate	\$54,222.97	
Personal Property	2,078.98	
	<hr/>	56,301.95 ✓

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1965	\$72.88	
Levy of 1966	19,700.55	
Levy of 1967	95,725.00	
	<hr/>	\$115,498.43 ✓

Classified Forest Land:

Levy of 1967	\$38.54	
	<hr/>	\$38.54 ✓

Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1966	\$8.94	
Levy of 1967	14.76	
	<hr/>	\$23.70 ✓

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

For Highways:

Chapter 81 Maintenance	\$37,400.00 ✓	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	400.00 ✓	
Chapter 90 Construction	7,123.75 ✓	
Chapter 679	6,780.06 ✓	
	<hr/>	\$51,703.81

For Education:

School Aid, Chapter 69	\$714.97 ✓	
Federal Grants — Title I	3,788.00 ✓	
Federal Grants — Title III	1,319.42 ✓	
School Construction #645	30,127.56 ✓	
Chapter 70, School Aid	63,412.29 ✓	
Aid School Construction	25,845.47 ✓	

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Education and Transportation	25,892.00 ✓	
Vocational Education	81.00 ✓	
State Aid to Libraries	502.50 ✓	
	<hr/>	\$151,683.21
For Taxes, Etc.:		
Local Aid Fund	\$17,160.00 ✓	
State Tax Basis	48,221.08 ✓	
Loss of Taxes	2,037.84 ✓	
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	896.95 ✓	
School Lunch Program	6,156.81 ✓	
Vaccine Assistance Program	100.00 ✓	
	<hr/>	\$74,572.68
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	\$3,634.95 ✓	
Old Age Assistance, U.S. Grant	4,250.00 ✓	
Aid to Dependent Children	649.87 ✓	
Aid to Dependent Children, U.S. Grant	858.00 ✓	
Disability Assistance	292.28 ✓	
Disability Assistance, U.S. Grant	1,200.00 ✓	
Medical Assistance	9,206.26 ✓	
Medical Assistance, U.S. Grant	14,179.46 ✓	
General Relief	205.51 ✓	
	<hr/>	\$34,476.33
County of Essex:		
For Highways:		
Chapter 90, Construction	\$2,684.33 ✓	
Dog License Refund	547.74 ✓	
Dog Board Refund	195.00 ✓	
	<hr/>	\$3,427.07
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Interest on School Funds	\$227.70 ✓	
J.T. Barker Fund	1,200.00 ✓	
	<hr/>	\$1,427.70
Departmental Accounts:		
Library	\$1,499.60 ✓	
Board of Health	292.00 ✓	



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Appeal Board	135.00	✓
School	316.45	✓
Planning Board	668.00	✓
Highway	105.00	✓
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		\$3,016.05

## Licenses and Permits:

Dogs	\$995.25	✓
Slaughter	25.00	✓
Building and Sewerage	1,506.00	
Junk	7.00	
Revolver	64.00	
Caterers	.50	
Gas	120.50	
Electrical	1,505.00	
Plumbing	554.50	
Fish	5.00	
Ice Cream	2.00	
Milk	5.50	
Recreational Camps	5.50	
Lord's Day	.50	
Oleo	.50	
Septic System Installers	170.00	
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		\$4,966.75

## Agency Accounts:

Tax Sheltered Annuity	\$1,400.00	✓
Life Insurance	276.66	✓
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,060.54	✓
County Retirement	4,886.75	✓
Federal Withholding Deductions	40,629.73	✓
State Withholding Deductions	5,557.94	✓
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		\$56,811.82

## Unclassified:

Interest on Deposits	\$3,511.55	✓
Interest on Taxes	2,442.73	✓
Land Rent	10.00	✓
School Lunch Program	22,652.04	✓
Rent of Town Halls	434.00	✓

**Agency Accounts**

Tax Sheltered Annuity	\$1,400.00 ✓	
Life Insurance	272.60 ✓	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,062.20 ✓	
Federal Withholding Tax	40,629.73 ✓	
Group Life & Hospital Insurance	4,402.26 ✓	
Essex County Retirement	4,886.75 ✓	
State Withholding Tax	5,509.16 ✓	
	<hr/>	\$61,162.70
<b>TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS</b>		<hr/> \$1,525,835.24

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1967

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

Cash: General		\$250,853.63
Certificate of Deposit		150,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1959		
Real Estate		4.38
Levy of 1960		
Real Estate		10.34
Levy of 1961		
Real Estate		22.09
Levy of 1962		
Real Estate	\$23.74	
Personal	303.00	
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		\$326.74
Levy of 1963		
Real Estate	\$28.79	
Personal	30.30	
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		\$59.09
Levy of 1964		
Real Estate	\$335.25	
Personal	11.25	
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		\$346.50
Levy of 1965		
Real Estate	\$686.80	
Personal	158.88	
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		\$845.68
Levy of 1966		
Real Estate	\$5,028.00	
Personal	1,031.65	
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		\$6,059.65
Levy of 1967		
Real Estate	\$35,743.78	

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Personal	2,665.84	
	<hr/>	\$38,409.62
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1966	\$100.00	
Levy of 1967	135.50	
	<hr/>	\$235.50
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1965	\$559.36	
Levy of 1966	4,098.35	
Levy of 1967	13,746.93	
	<hr/>	\$18,404.64
Departmental:		
Disability Assistance	\$32.60	
Snow Removal	434.25	
	<hr/>	\$466.85
Tax Title		66.22
State & County Aid to Highways		10,824.57
Underestimates:		
County Tax		1,422.02
State Parks & Reservations		508.00
Essex County Mosquito Control		3,512.25
Departmental Revenue		236.75
Library Petty Cash Advance		25.00
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		\$482,639.52

## DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$56,000.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Sanctuaries	\$304,529.40
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## LIABILITIES

Reserve until collected:	
Tax Title Revenue	\$66.22
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	18,404.64
Departmental Revenue	703.60

Special Assessment Revenue	235.50	
State & County Aid to Highway Revenue	10,824.57	
	<hr/>	\$30,234.53

## Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1959	\$4.38	
Levy of 1960	10.34	
Levy of 1961	22.09	
Levy of 1962	326.74	
Levy of 1963	59.07	
Levy of 1964	346.50	
Levy of 1965	845.68	
Levy of 1966	6,059.65	
Levy of 1967	35,385.54	
	<hr/>	\$43,059.99

Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	25.00
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Overlay Surplus Reserve	57,211.90
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Excess and Deficiency	243,128.81
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## Appropriation Accounts:

Assessors Maps	\$8,553.87
Goodwin Plans — 1954 Account	100.00
Conservation Commission	3,298.00
Recreational Planning	540.30
Recreation Committee	360.00
Baseball Field	2,442.00
Backstop for Baseball Field	500.00
Water Source Survey 1966 Account	606.52
Water Commission	250.00
Conservation Fund	500.00
Police	400.00
Central Communications System	1,148.60
Dry Hydrants & Water Holes	160.00
Chapter 90 Construction	5,987.20
Trask Road	100.00
School Bldg. Committee — 1962 Account	429.48
School Bldg. Comm. — 1967 Account	18,000.00
Boxford Water & Drainage Comm.	6,892.00



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Engine #6 Repairs	2,097.50	
North Bennett Street		
Industrial School Land	300.00	
Vocational Regional School		
Dist. Planning Committee	100.00	
New Elementary School	27.21	
Morse House — 1964 Account	44.77	
Planning Board — Space Study	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$57,837.45
U.S. Grants:		
Disability Assistance	\$2,754.30	
Aid to Families with		
Dependent Children	5,006.12	
Old Age Assistance	1,013.26	
Medical Assistance	6,599.35	
School Aid — Title I	3,048.10	
School Aid — Public Law No. 864	1,338.55	
School Aid — Public Law No. 874	6,067.36	
	<hr/>	\$25,827.04
Road Machinery Fund		4,184.68
School Lunch Program		4,631.14
J. T. Barker Fund		10,090.00
Land Taking For Highway Purposes		2,370.50
Tax Sheltered Annuity		100.00
Life Insurance		1.24
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		9.88
Library Gifts		147.30
Highway Improvements		3,780.06
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		\$482,639.52
<b>DEBT ACCOUNT</b>		
School Loans		\$56,000.00

**LIABILITIES**

December 31, 1967

**TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

Town Farm Fund	\$33,753.25
Post War Rehabilitation	5,398.18

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Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,303.93	
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	420.81	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
West Parish Library	3,500.00	
Mary Stacy Holmes Library Fund	2,067.38	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,531.74	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	1,471.49	
Town School Fund	4,504.39	
Stabilization Fund	239,867.71	
Conservation Fund	6,710.52	
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		\$304,529.40

## DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1967

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## Selectmen

Appropriation		\$1,450.00
Salaries, Selectmen	\$1,380.00	
Office Expense	2.37	
State & County Association Dues	54.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,436.37	
Balance to Revenue	13.63	
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	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00

## Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		\$300.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	\$270.00	
Association Dues	10.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$280.00	
Balance to Revenue	20.00	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

## Board of Assessors

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	\$2,150.00	
Abstracts	153.95	
Office Supplies	153.62	
State and County Association Dues	30.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,487.57	
Balance to Revenue	12.43	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

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**Assessors Maps**

Balance from 1966		\$8,940.82
Mapping	\$386.95	
Total Expenditures	\$386.95	
Balance to 1968	8,553.87	
	<u>\$8,940.82</u>	<u>\$8,940.82</u>

**Treasurer**

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Salary, Treasurers	\$961.13	
Bond	140.00	
Office Supplies	124.30	
Clerical	39.82	
Rent, Safety Deposit Vault	4.00	
State Association Dues	5.00	
Total Expenditures	\$1,274.25	
Balance to Revenue	225.75	
	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

**Town Clerk**

Appropriation		\$600.00
Services, Town Clerk	\$427.50	
Bond	10.00	
Office Expenses	114.50	
Association Dues	8.00	
Total Expenditures	\$560.00	
Balance to Revenue	40.00	
	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>

**Collector**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Salary, Collector	\$1,200.00	

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Bonds	125.00
Office Expense	497.08
Deputy Collector	16.50
State Association Dues	5.00

Total Expenditures	\$1,843.58
Balance to Revenue	156.42

\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
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**Accountant**

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Salary, Accountant	\$3,000.00	
Office Expense	478.53	
Clerical	99.75	

Total Expenditures	\$3,578.28
Balance to Revenue	421.72

\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
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**Town Counsel**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Salary, Town Counsel	\$1,000.00	

\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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**Finance Committee**

Appropriation		\$25.00
Association Dues	\$15.00	

Total Expenditures	\$15.00
Balance to Revenue	10.00

\$25.00	\$25.00
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**Registrars**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	\$89.25	



Printing	149.50		
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Total Expenditures	\$238.75		
Balance to Revenue	61.25		
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	\$300.00	\$300.00	

**Elections**

Appropriation		\$400.00	
Service, Town Clerk	\$31.50		
Election Officers	98.00		
Printing	130.00		
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Total Expenditures	\$259.50		
Balance to Revenue	140.50		
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	\$400.00	\$400.00	

**Appeal Board**

Appropriation		\$700.00	
Association Dues	\$15.00		
Advertising	68.00		
Office Expense	62.60		
Clerical	47.26		
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Total Expenditures	\$192.86		
Balance to Revenue	507.14		
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	\$700.00	\$700.00	

**Planning Board**

Appropriation		\$300.00	
Advertising	\$46.00		
Recording Fees	137.00		
Postage	5.00		
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Total Expenditures	\$188.00		
Balance to Revenue	112.00		
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	\$300.00	\$300.00	

**Conservation Committee**

Appropriation		\$50.00	✓
Association Dues	\$30.00		
Balance to Revenue	20.00		
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	\$50.00	\$50.00	

**Recreational Planning**

Balance from 1966		\$1,000.00	
Survey	\$459.70		
Balance to 1968	540.30		✓
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	

**Boxford Water and Drainage Committee**

Appropriation		\$8,000.00	
D. L. Maher Co.	\$1,108.00		✓
Balance to 1968	6,892.00		
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	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	

**Recreation Committee**

Appropriation		\$1,600.00	
Mowing	\$625.00		
Survey	500.00		
Electricity	44.12		
Supplies	7.89		
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Total Expenditures	\$1,177.01		✓
Balance to Revenue	62.99		
Balance to 1968	360.00		
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	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	

**Water Source Survey**

Balance from 1966		\$9,992.85	
D. L. Maher Co.	\$9,386.33		✓
Balance to 1968	606.52		
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	\$9,992.85	\$9,992.85	

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**Central Communications**

Balance from 1966		\$5,961.70	
Equipment	\$4,813.10		✓
Balance to 1968	1,148.60		
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	\$5,961.70	\$5,961.70	

**Building Inspector**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00	
Services, Building Inspector	\$850.00		
Office Expense	150.00		✓
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	

**Wire Inspector**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00	
Services, Wire Inspector	\$525.80		✓
Office Expense	200.00		
Mileage	274.20		
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	

**Plumbing Inspector**

Appropriation		\$650.00	
Services, Plumbing Inspector	\$549.50		
Balance to Revenue	100.50		✓
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	\$650.00	\$650.00	

**Gas Inspector**

Appropriation		\$500.00	
Services, Gas Inspector	\$120.50		
Office Expense	250.00		
Mileage	100.00		
Association Dues	12.00		✓
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Total Expenditures	\$482.50		
Balance to Revenue	\$17.50		
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	\$500.00	\$500.00	

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

**Board of Health**

Appropriation		\$5,200.00
Salaries, Board of Health	\$250.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	915.00	
Services, Dump Caretaker	2,189.50	
Maintenance of Dump	1,002.50	
Supplies	92.28	
Milk and Water Tests	9.00	
Nurses	152.00	
Office Supplies	27.54	
Refuse Collection	36.00	
Telephone	162.45	
Association Dues	6.00	
Total Expenditures	\$4,842.27	
Balance to Revenue	357.73	

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\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
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**Inspectors of Slaughtering**

Appropriation		\$600.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	\$357.00	
Total Expenditures	\$357.00	
Balance to Revenue	243.00	

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\$600.00	\$600.00
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**Inspector of Animals**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	\$50.00	
	\$50.00	\$50.00

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

**Dog Officer**

Appropriations	\$200.00
County of Essex Refunds	195.00

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Salary, Dog Officer	\$100.00	
Board & Disposal of Stray Dogs	197.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$297.00	✓
Balance to Revenue	98.00	
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	\$395.00	\$395.00

**Police 1966 Account**

Balance from 1966		\$26.00
Thomas Communications	\$26.00	
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	\$26.00	\$26.00

**Police**

Appropriation		\$32,000.00
Labor	\$7,732.82	
Salaries	12,895.00	
Blue Line Operators	2,320.00	
Insurance	591.60	
Telephone	854.56	
Repairs	796.22	
Gasoline & Oil	2,481.59	
Supplies	196.67	
Mileage	70.90	
Fuel	449.36	
Office Supplies	355.42	
Electricity	149.40	
Uniforms	793.52	
Dues	22.00	
Rent	337.50	
Equipment	632.57	
Communications	304.13	
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Total Expenditures	\$30,983.26	
Balance to Revenue	1,016.74	
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	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00



**Police Cruiser**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		324.15
Cruiser	\$2,324.15	
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	\$2,324.15	\$2,324.15

**Fire**

Appropriation		\$18,000.00
Refund		3.50
Salaries	\$1,300.00	
Red Line Operators	2,400.00	
Labor	3,467.29	
Equipment	2,743.03	
Repairs	1,985.57	
Telephones	1,015.38	
Fuel	687.21	
Insurance	626.00	
Station Maintenance	141.30	
Communications	876.63	
Electricity	529.48	
Supplies	429.88	
Gasoline & Oil	405.40	
Boots, Helmets, Coats, Etc.	710.47	
Training	66.90	
Dues & Book	27.75	
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Total Expenditures	\$17,412.29	
Balance to Revenue	591.21	
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	\$18,003.50	\$18,003.50

**Fire Station Improvements**

Balance from 1966		\$57.50
Labor & Materials	\$57.50	
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	\$57.50	\$57.50

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**Tree Warden**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Labor	\$590.80	
Trucks	452.00	
Power Saw	218.00	
Chipper	240.00	
Contract	487.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,987.80	
Balance to Revenue	12.20	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Moth Suppression**

Appropriation		\$1,400.00
Labor	\$123.65	
Truck	96.00	
Power Saw	48.00	
Bulldozer	266.00	
Spraying	571.00	
Supplies	290.25	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,394.90	
Balance to Revenue	5.10	
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	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

**Dutch Elm Disease Control**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Labor	\$644.80	
Power Saw	40.00	
Trucks	528.00	
Bulldozer	50.00	
Chipper	318.00	
Contract Work	416.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,997.30	
Balance to Revenue	2.70	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

## CHARITIES, AID AND VETERAN'S BENEFITS

**Public Welfare**

Appropriation		\$1,560.00
Refund		10.00
Cash	\$1,105.55	
Total Expenditure	\$1,105.55	
Balance to Revenue	464.45	
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	\$1,570.00	\$1,570.00

**Old Age Assistance**

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Refund		73.75
Cash	\$2,799.30	
Balance to Revenue	274.45	
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	\$3,073.75	\$3,073.75

**Old Age Assistance, U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1966		\$3,774.89
Federal Grants		4,250.00
Refund		72.45
Cash	\$7,084.08	
Balance to 1968	1,013.26	
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	\$8,097.34	\$8,097.34

**Aid to Dependent Children**

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Transferred to Medical Assistance	\$1,126.49	
Balance to Revenue	73.51	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

**Aid to Dependent Children, U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1966		\$6,594.92
Federal Grants		858.00
Cash	\$2,446.80	
Balance to 1968	5,006.12	
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	\$7,452.92	\$7,452.92

**Disability Assistance**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Cash	\$621.80	
Balance to Revenue	378.20	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

**Medical Assistance — U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1966		\$9,494.52
Federal Grant		14,179.46
Refunds		52.40
Cash	\$17,127.03	
Balance to 1968	6,599.35	
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	\$23,726.38	\$23,726.38

**Disability Assistance, U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1966		\$2,770.20
Federal Grants		1,200.00
Cash	\$1,215.90	
Balance to 1968	2,754.30	
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	\$3,970.20	\$3,970.20

**Medical Assistance**

Appropriation		\$10,000.00
Refunds		1,639.30
Transfer from A. D. C.		1,126.49
Cash	\$12,765.79	
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	\$12,765.79	\$12,765.79

**Central Essex Welfare District Administration**

Appropriation		\$1,326.00
Welfare District Expense	\$1,326.00	
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	\$1,326.00	\$1,326.00

**Veterans' Benefits**

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Cash	\$897.60	
Hospital	300.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,197.60	
Balance to Revenue	302.40	
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	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

**HIGHWAYS****Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund**

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Transfers from Reserve		3,000.00
Labor	\$3,039.00	
Trucks	492.00	
Sand & Gravel	252.20	
Salt	455.48	
Patch	206.03	
Signs	411.82	
Repairs	459.38	
Tractor	63.00	
Grader	16.00	
Fuel	31.06	
Telephone	44.03	
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Total Expenditures	\$5,470.00	
Balance to Revenue	30.00	
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	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00



**Chapter 90 — Maintenance**

State Allotment		\$400.00
Appropriation		800.00
Hot Top	\$1,200.00	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

**Chapter 679 — Acts of 1965**

State Allotment		\$3,000.00
Labor	\$684.00	
Trucks	165.00	
Grader	144.00	
Loader	45.00	
Gravel	84.20	
Hot Top	1,847.80	
Backhoe	30.00	
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

**Highway Equipment**

Appropriation		\$4,250.00
Sander	\$2,231.00	
Pick-up Truck	650.00	
Chassis	1,153.80	
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Total Expenditures	\$4,034.80	
Balance to Revenue	215.20	
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	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00

**Chapter 81 — Maintenance**

Appropriation		\$3,400.00
State Allotment		18,700.00
Labor	\$8,345.75	
Trucks	3,322.75	
Bulldozer	208.00	
Loader	697.50	
Grader	500.00	
Backhoe	160.00	

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Shovel	364.00	
Trailer	10.00	
Sand and Gravel	2,078.19	
Oil	4,967.99	
Patch	698.09	
Pipe	263.86	
Sander	155.25	
Grate & Frame	129.12	
Use of Town Tools	199.50	
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	\$22,100.00	\$22,100.00

## Main Street

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Labor	\$792.75	
Trucks	504.00	
Bulldozer	468.00	
Loader	612.00	
Grader	160.00	
Backhoe	48.00	
Trailer	10.00	
Pipe	101.25	
Oil	171.00	
Sand & Gravel	133.00	
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

## Chapter 90 — Construction Middleton Road — 1966

Balance from 1966		\$3,329.70
Labor	\$1,736.00	
Trucks	267.00	
Loader	195.00	
Backhoe	20.00	
Power Saw	128.00	
Town Tools	114.00	
Blasting	722.70	

Bounds	138.00	
Grade Stakes	9.00	

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	\$3,329.70	\$3,329.70
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**Chapter 90 — Construction Middleton Road — 1967**

Appropriation		\$6,000.00
State Allotment		12,000.00
County Allotment		6,000.00
Labor	\$3,496.00	
Trucks	2,289.00	
Shovel	4,448.50	
Bulldozer	2,347.50	
Loader	192.00	
Blasting	5,067.30	
Gravel	172.50	
Total Expenditures	\$18,012.80	
Balance to 1968	5,987.20	

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	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
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**Snow Removal and Sanding**

Appropriation		\$24,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		10,612.78
Labor	\$10,459.75	
Trucks	3,558.50	
Trucks and Plows	5,962.00	
Sanders	759.75	
Loaders	1,096.50	
Sand	3,381.89	
Salt	6,536.14	
Use of Town Tools	2,828.25	
Backhoe	30.00	

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	\$34,612.78	\$34,612.78
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**Road Machinery Maintenance**

Transfers from Machinery Fund		\$3,500.00
Labor	\$122.50	
Equipment	566.86	

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Repairs	1,849.46
Gas	375.09
Oil	147.22
Paint	33.00
Fuel	183.90
Supplies	102.06
Telephone	86.05
Electricity	21.21
Registry Fees	6.00

Total Expenditures	\$3,493.35
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	6.65

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	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
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**Street Lighting**

Appropriations		\$900.00
Street Lights	\$873.80	
Balance to Revenue	26.20	

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	\$900.00	\$900.00
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**Sick Benefit**

Appropriations		\$750.00
Pay Rolls	\$716.00	
Balance to Revenue	34.00	

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	\$750.00	\$750.00
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**Highway Vacation Account**

Appropriation		\$2,400.00
Vacation Payrolls	\$2,290.50	
Balance to Revenue	109.50	

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	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
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**SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES****All Schools**

Appropriations	\$284,315.00
Transferred from U.S.P.L. No. 874	1,999.98
Refund	33.34

Teachers Salaries	\$169,413.13	
Substitute Teachers	2,556.59	
Supervisory	10,233.20	
Clerical	4,714.50	
Superintendent:		
Salary	5,620.72	
Clerical	3,571.64	
Expense	548.98	
Health:		
Nurse	1,765.83	} 2466.61 ✓
Physician	500.00	
Supplies	200.78	
Tuition	688.48	✓
Transportation	34,105.53	✓
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	15,781.90	
Attendance Officer	10.00	✓
Committee Expense	576.52	
Books	2,671.05	
Supplies	2,880.64	
Fuel	4,489.74	
Electricity	3,378.96	
Telephones	1,326.99	
Repairs	5,836.95	
Census	200.00	
Supervisors' Expense	65.53	
Insurance	4,588.66	✓
Janitors' Supplies	2,190.91	
Maintenance	199.79	
Guidance	4,109.26	
Library	913.43	
Civic Activities	279.23	
Equipment	2,163.83	✓
Rubbish Collection	732.21	
Total Expenditures	\$286,314.98	

Balance to Revenue	33.64	
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	\$286,348.32	\$286,348.32

**School — 1966 Account**

Balance from 1966		\$2,200.00
Hungerford & Terry	\$2,200.00	
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	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00

**School Bldg. Committee — 1962 Account**

Balance from 1966		\$438.48
Advertising	\$9.00	
Balance to 1968	429.48	
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	\$438.48	\$438.48

**School Lunch Program**

Balance from 1966		\$4,870.27
Cash		22,852.04
State Grants		6,156.81
Salaries	\$10,284.65	
Food	16,542.33	
Equipment	1,330.93	
Gas	778.38	
Supplies	103.45	
Repairs	8.24	
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Total Expenditures	\$29,047.98	✓
Balance to 1968	4,631.14	
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	\$33,679.12	\$33,679.12

**School Aid — Title I**

Balance from 1966		\$3,360.56
Federal Grant		3,788.00
Teacher Coaches	\$4,100.46	
Balance to 1968	3,048.10	
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	\$7,148.56	\$7,148.56



**School Aid — P. L. 864 — Title III**

Balance from 1966		\$2,034.31
Federal Grant		1,319.42
Books	\$160.62	
Film Strips & Supplies	1,854.56	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,015.18	
Balance to 1968	1,338.55	
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	\$3,353.73	\$3,353.73

**School Aid — P. L. No. 874**

Balance from 1966		\$10,291.47
Equipment	\$2,224.13	
Transfer to School	1,999.98	
Balance to 1968	6,067.36	
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	\$10,291.47	\$10,291.47

**Regional District School**

Appropriation		\$407,234.52
Masconomet Regional District School	\$407,234.52	
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	\$407,234.52	\$407,234.52

**Library Gifts**

Gifts		\$320.00
Furniture	\$172.70	
Balance to 1968	147.30	
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	\$320.00	\$320.00

**Library Service — 1966 Account**

Balance from 1966		\$240.25
Typewriter	\$240.25	
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	\$240.25	\$240.25

**Library Improvements**

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Carpentry	\$621.64	

Electrical	48.00	
Septic System	500.00	
Plumbing	837.33	
Fire Escape	1,500.00	
Painting	220.73	
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Total Expenditures	\$3,727.70	
Balance to Revenue	272.30	
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	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

**Library Service**

Appropriation		\$16,000.00
Dog Refund		547.74
State Aid		502.50
Transfer from West Parish Book Fund		257.44
Reserve		802.26
Payrolls	\$12,514.80	
Association Dues	58.50	
Books	2,257.45	
Insurance	139.00	
Grounds	118.00	
Telephone	211.30	
Repairs	1,103.70	
Supplies	400.76	
Electricity	200.08	
Magazines	44.00	
Janitor	218.10	
Equipment	191.16	
Fuel	628.09	
Petty Cash	25.00	
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	\$18,109.94	\$18,109.94

**UNCLASSIFIED****Town Halls**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Janitors	\$345.38	
Fuel	500.29	

Light	336.73		
Telephone	269.50		
Repairs	239.15		
Supplies	30.49		
Grounds	98.75		
Refuse Collection	11.80		
Total Expenditures	\$1,832.09		
Balance to Revenue	167.91		
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	

**Public Grounds**

Appropriation		\$300.00	
Mowing Commons	\$86.03		
Labor	90.00		
Trucks	69.00		
Loader	36.00		
Total Expenditures	\$281.03		
Balance to Revenue	18.97		
	\$300.00	\$300.00	

**Soldiers Graves**

Appropriation		\$225.00	
East Parish Cemeteries	\$100.00		
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00		
Balance to Revenue	25.00		
	\$225.00	\$225.00	

**Harmony Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$150.00	
Maintenance	\$150.00		
	\$150.00	\$150.00	

**Boxford Village Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$150.00	
Maintenance	\$150.00		
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	\$150.00	\$150.00	

**Mt. Vernon Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$50.00	
Maintenance	\$50.00		
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	\$50.00	\$50.00	

**"Old" Town Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00	
Maintenance and Erect Stone Wall	\$906.00		
Balance to Revenue	94.00		
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	

**Memorial Day**

Appropriation		\$525.00	
American Legion Post No. 379	\$94.16		
Flags	50.00		
Food	96.25		
Honor Roll	195.50		
Supplies	40.35		
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Total Expenditures	\$476.26		
Balance to Revenue	48.74		
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	\$525.00	\$525.00	

**Flag Pole and Honor Roll**

From Rehabilitation Fund		\$500.00	
Honor Roll	\$150.00		
Flag Pole	350.00		
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	\$500.00	\$500.00	

**Clerical**

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Clerical	\$2,044.03	
Balance to Revenue	455.97	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

**Community House**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Refund		1.30
Electricity	\$50.10	
Repairs	98.35	
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Total Expenditures	\$148.45	
Balance to Revenue	152.85	
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	\$301.30	\$301.30

**Microfilming**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Microfilming	\$104.96	
Rent of Ultra Security Vault	12.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$117.46	
Balance to Revenue	32.54	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Vocational Regional School District  
Planning Committee**

Appropriation		\$250.00
Expense	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	
Balance to 1968	100.00	
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	\$250.00	\$250.00

**Town Reports**

Appropriation		\$1,700.00
Town Reports	\$1,232.25	

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Fliers	117.90
Delivery	75.00

Total Expenditures	\$1,425.15
Balance to Revenue	274.85

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\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
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**Civil Defense**

Balance from 1966	\$192.70
Appropriation	200.00
Transfer from Reserve	12.27

Directors Salary	\$100.00
Telephone	41.47
Communication Equipment	263.50

Total Expenditures	\$404.97	\$404.97
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**Contingency Fund**

Appropriation		\$1,400.00
✓ Attorneys Fees	\$615.00	
✓ Rent	57.00	
✓ Note Fee	7.00	
✓ Recording Deed	7.00	
✓ Petition Fees	36.50	
✓ Printing	163.05	
✓ Law Books	48.00	
✓ Advertising	21.00	
✓ Surveys	18.14	
✓ Appeal Board Fee	15.00	
✓ Office Supplies	44.60	

Total Expenditures	\$1,032.29
Balance to Revenue	367.71

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\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
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**Baseball Field — 1966 Account**

Balance from 1966	\$4,780.00
Contract Work	\$2,000.00



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Labor	78.00	
Trucks	140.00	
Loader	120.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,338.00	
Balance to 1968	2,442.00	
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	\$4,780.00	\$4,780.00

**Insurance**

Appropriation		\$6,387.60
Compensation	\$1,418.00	
Boiler	33.34	
Motor Vehicle Liability	2,079.43	
Fire	680.00	
Fire, Theft & Collision	453.92	
Accident, Police Department	96.25	
Registration	6.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$4,766.94	
Balance to Revenue	1,620.66	
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	\$6,387.60	\$6,387.60

**Interest on Loans**

Appropriation		\$3,600.00
Transfer from Reserve		291.00
School Loans	\$2,055.00	
Temporary Loan	1,836.00	
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	\$3,891.00	\$3,891.00

**Amortization of School and Temporary Loans**

Appropriation		\$31,000.00
Merrimack Valley National Bank		200,000.00
State Street Bank & Trust	\$26,000.00	
Merrimack Valley National Bank	200,000.00	
Transfer to Check Writer	690.00	

Transfer to School Bldg. Committee	4,000.00	
Transfer to Reserve	310.00	
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	\$231,000.00	\$231,000.00

**Reserve Fund**

Appropriation from Overlay Fund		\$15,000.00
Total Transfers	\$14,842.46	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	157.54	
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	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

Respectfully submitted,  
BARBARA C. PERLEY,  
Town Accountant

**REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER**

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1967 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1967		\$127,371.83
Tax Collector	\$848,778.16	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	51,703.81	
Education	151,683.21	
Taxes	68,315.87	
Old Age Assistance, Grants	7,884.95	
Aid to Dependent Children, Grants	1,507.87	
Disability Assistance, Grants	1,492.28	
Medical Grants	23,385.72	
Medical, General Relief	205.51	
Vaccine Assistance Program	100.00	
School Lunch Program	6,156.81	
County of Essex:		
Highways	2,684.33	
Dog License Refund	547.74	
Board of Dogs	195.00	
Trust Funds, Income	1,427.70	
Departmental Receipts	3,016.05	
Licenses and Permits	4,966.75	
Income from Town Property	624.00	
Court Fines	630.00	
School Lunch Program	22,652.04	
Telephone Commission	29.28	
Interest	3,511.55	
Sale of Maps & Street Lists	50.92	
Sale of Dogs	36.00	
Land Sale	100.00	
Departmental Refunds	2,276.14	
Certificates of deposit	170,000.00	
Temporary Loan	200,000.00	
Federal Withholding Tax Account	40,629.73	
State Withholding Tax Account	5,557.94	
County Retirement Account	4,886.75	

Tax Sheltered Annuities	1,400.00	
Blue Cross	4,060.54	
Life Insurance	276.66	
Town Farm Fund	18,000.00	
Rehabilitation Fund	500.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	43.73	
Total 1967 Receipts	<hr/>	\$1,649,317.04
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		\$1,776,688.87
Disbursements: Treasury Warrants as issued		
by Accountant and approved by Selectmen		1,525,835.24
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Balance December 31,1967		\$250,853.63

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see Report of Town Accountant.

**REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS****STABILIZATION FUND**

Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 14821	
Balance January 1, 1967	\$2,719.26
Interest earned 1967	128.51
Deposit — Interest from Cert. No. 5208	1,267.36
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$4,115.13
Andover Savings Bank, Book 75659	
Balance January 1, 1967	\$11,554.64
Interest earned 1967	513.87
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$12,068.51
Salem Savings Bank, Book 110123	
Balance January 1, 1967	\$7,919.92
Interest earned 1967	382.91
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$8,302.83
Warren Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 98035	
Balance January 1, 1967	\$39,529.20
Interest earned 1967	1,849.35
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$41,378.55
Haverhill Savings Bank, Topsfield Branch	
Special Notice Account, Book 800353	
Balance January 1, 1967	\$29,011.37
Interest earned 1967	1,477.97
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$30,489.34
Georgetown Savings Bank	
Special Notice Account, Book 15901	
Balance January 1, 1967	\$32,832.96
Interest earned 1967	1,662.13
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$34,495.09

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## Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 84296

Balance January 1, 1967	\$27,135.49
Interest earned 1967	1,241.84

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Balance January 1, 1968	\$28,377.33
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## Ipswich Savings Bank, Book 35188

Balance January 1, 1967	\$27,132.62
Interest earned 1967	1,217.37

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Balance January 1, 1968	\$28,349.99
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Pentucket Five Cents Savings Bank  
Special Notice Account, Book 200320

Balance January 1, 1967	\$10,431.75
Interest earned 1967	511.13

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Balance January 1, 1968	\$10,942.88
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Danvers Savings Bank  
Special Notice Account, Book 537

Balance January 1, 1967	\$15,586.59
Interest earned 1967	761.47

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Balance January 1, 1968	\$16,348.06
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Arlington Trust Company, Certificate  
of Deposit No. 5208

Balance January 1, 1967	\$25,000.00
Balance January 1, 1968	\$25,000.00

## CONSERVATION FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank  
Special Notice Account, Book 295

Balance January 1, 1967	\$4,922.74
Interest earned 1967	297.78
Deposit February 16, 1967	1,490.00

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Balance January 1, 1968	\$6,710.52
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## TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, Par Value \$6,500.00

\$6,500.00 U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65 \$6,500.00

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the following banks.

## Salem Five Cents Savings Bank

## Special Notice Account, Book 801299

Balance January 1, 1967 \$22,019.51

Interest earned 1967 1,124.51

Interest on U.S. Treasury Bonds 162.50

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Balance January 1, 1968 \$23,306.52

## Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805

Balance January 1, 1967 \$9,948.65

Interest earned 1967 453.99

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Withdrawn December 4, 1967 \$10,402.64

8,000.00

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Balance January 1, 1968 \$2,402.64

## Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858

Balance January 1, 1967 \$183.88

Interest earned 1967 8.26

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Balance January 1, 1968 \$192.14

## Salem Savings Bank, Book 99618

Balance January 1, 1967 \$10,828.40

Interest earned 1967 523.55

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Withdrawn December 4, 1967 \$11,351.95

10,000.00

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Balance January 1, 1968 \$1,351.95

## SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

## Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221

Balance January 1, 1967	\$2,205.82
Interest earned 1967	98.11
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$2,303.93

## CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

## Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600

Balance January 1, 1967	\$402.46
Interest earned 1967	18.35
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$420.81

## EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

## Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894

Balance January 1, 1967	\$2,000.00
Interest earned 1967	90.21
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	\$2,090.21
Withdrawn	90.21
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$2,000.00
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## Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898

Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,500.00
Interest earned 1967	68.63
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	\$1,568.63
Withdrawn	68.63
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$1,500.00
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## WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

## Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895

Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,500.00
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Interest earned 1967	67.66
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	\$1,567.66
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Withdrawn	67.66
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$1,500.00
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Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896

Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,500.00
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Interest earned 1967	68.63
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	\$1,568.63
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Withdrawn	68.63
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$1,500.00
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#### EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319

Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,464.93
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Interest earned 1967	66.81
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$1,531.74
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#### BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224

Balance January 1, 1967	\$1,407.28
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Interest earned 1967	64.21
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$1,471.49
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#### POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Interest from U.S. Bonds were deposited in

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573

Balance January 1, 1967	\$2,552.58
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Interest earned 1967	116.47
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$2,669.05
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## Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752

## Rehabilitation

Balance January 1, 1967	\$3,099.35
Interest earned 1967	129.78
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	\$3,229.13
Withdrawn August 29, 1967	500.00
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$2,729.13

## MARY STACEY HOLMES LIBRARY FUND

## Haverhill Savings Bank

## Special Notice Account, Book 800600

Deposited February 14, 1967	\$2,000.00
Interest earned 1967	67.38
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Balance January 1, 1968	\$2,067.38

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS****Department of Corporations and Taxation  
Bureau of Accounts**

State Office Building, Government Center  
100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202

January 29, 1968

Board of Selectmen  
Boxford  
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the books and accounts of the Town of Boxford were audited by the Bureau of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, as of September 25, 1967 at which time they were found to be correct with all funds properly accounted for.

A detailed report of the audit will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

**WILLIAM SCHWARTZ**  
Assistant Chief of Bureau

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS**

For the year ending December 31, 1967

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book 11474	\$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book 83786	1,000.00
Haverhill Savings Bank	
Book T2437	504.39
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Total Amount of Fund	\$4,504.39

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book 11474	\$45.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book 5501	90.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book 83786	47.52
Haverhill Savings Bank	
Book T2437	22.68
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Interest earned 1967	\$205.20

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

RICHARD P. CHADWICK

AMY G. PARKHURST

Committee on School Funds

All of the Bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN L. BENULIS,

Town Treasurer



**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Building Committee	Term expires
Frederick B. Monell, Chairman	1970
John R. Benson, Vice-Chairman	1968
Louis P. Vrettos, Secretary	1969
John S. Haywood	1971
A. Gordon Price	Annual, from School Committee
Peter K. Race	Annual, from School Committee
Albert D. Wood	Annual, from School Committee

The 1967 school and pre-school census was carried out by the school administration in September. The enrollment in grades 1-6 was 643 pupils, 42 above the predicted number.

Enrollment - Grades 1-6		Number of Class- rooms @ 25 pupils
Year	Predicted	
1966	553	22
1967	601	25
1968	660	26
1969	680	27
1970	710	28
1971	730	29
1972	750	30

The jump in enrollment was discussed with the Finance Committee in October. Mr. Carlyle Thomas made a statistical study of the process used for projecting school population and advised us that the Building Committee's anticipated growth figures were too conservative. The predictions above are, after 1967, approximately midway between our current predictions and the growth rate found by Mr. Thomas to fit the actual experience of the past ten years, when the growth has required two new classrooms per year. An additional factor not included in the above figures is kindergarten facilities which may be required in the near future.

The Building Committee decided to make plans immediately to expand the pupil capacity of the Spofford Pond School. A preliminary conference with the School Building Assistance Bureau was held in November and the Bureau endorsed our decision to expand the Spofford Pond School at

this time. To this end, the committee has interviewed several architects.

The Building Committee is continuing its search for appropriate future school sites as mentioned in the previous annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK B. MONELL, JR.,

Chairman



ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BOXFORD  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1967

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT****SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Peter K. Race, Chairman	Term Expires 1968
Webster B. Brockelman, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 1970
James H. Heeremans	Term Expires 1969
A. Gordon Price	Term Expires 1969
Albert D. Wood	Term Expires 1970

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

Ann E. Kernander

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Herbert A. Rouisse

**School Committee Operation**

The committee held a total of 22 regular meetings and 1 special meeting during 1967. Meetings have been held in the Library of the Spofford Pond School. Regular meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:45 P.M. Meetings are open and the public is invited to attend. Executive sessions have seldom been held and then only in matters requiring privacy and consistent with the open meeting statute. There has been frequent press coverage and full accounts of committee actions have been reported in the local newspapers. Notices of special meetings or changes in dates are posted in the Town Hall.

School Committee representation on other groups follows: A. Price, P. Race, and A. Wood served on the School Building Committee; W. Brockelman, P. Race, and A. Wood were members of the Union Joint Committee, and W. Brockelman and A. Wood were members of the Considerations for Future Development Subcommittee.

**Budget For 1968**

The continuing growth of pupil enrollment, constantly inflating costs, a new state minimum salary law, and the thrust of collective bargaining have been the major forces dictating a very substantial budgetary increase.

Pupil enrollment on October 1, 1965 was 525. By October 1, 1966, the enrollment reached 563. A year later in 1967, the total was 643. A further increase to 681 has been projected for October 1, 1968. Thus the percentage average pupil enrollment in both 1967 and 1968 will exceed 10% growth over the preceding year. Consequently provision has been made for three additional teaching positions, to be added in September, if necessary. Provision has also been made to return the Morse School to public school use.

A law enacted in 1967 by the General Court, to be effective in September 1968, raised the minimum salary for teachers from \$5000 to \$5750. Following passage of this statute and subsequent collective bargaining with the Boxford Teachers' Association, the School Committee has adopted a new salary schedule, effective in September 1968. This new schedule raises the minimum on the bachelor's degree schedule from \$5500 to \$6100 and the maximum on the same schedule from \$8200. to \$9000.

The change in the major accounts is noted below:

Account	Approp. 1967	Budget 1968	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
Administration	\$ 10,611	\$ 11,797	\$ 1,186	11.18%
Instruction	195,864	229,027	33,163	16.93%
Other School Service	41,734	47,208	5,474	13.12%
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	29,590	33,975	4,385	14.82%
Fixed Charges	4,500	4,600	100	2.22%
Community Services	300	300	0	0.00%
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	926	2,580	1,654	178.62%
Programs With Other Communities	790	2,142	1,352	171.14%
Total	\$284,315	\$331,629	\$ 47,314	16.64%

The major increase is found in the *Instruction Account* totaling \$33,163, virtually all of which is occasioned by additional instructional personnel and higher salaries. The fol-



lowing factors contribute to the increase in the cost of instruction:

1. The impact for a full year of normal salary increments effective in September, 1967.
2. The impact for the full year of salary increases, effective in September, 1967.
3. The impact for the period of September-December, 1968 of normal salary increments effective in September, 1968.
4. The impact for the period of September-December, 1968 of salary increases granted to be effective in September, 1968.
5. The impact of salary for a full year of two teaching positions added in September, 1967.
6. The impact of salary for the period September-December 1968 for three additional positions to be added in September, 1968.
7. The impact of provision of funds for a second full-time principal, to be added in September, 1968.

Comments on other significant changes which may require explanation follow:

1. The increase of \$1,186 in the *Administration Account* is due in part to higher salaries and higher prices. It also reflects an increase in Boxford's share of the Topsfield-Boxford School Union costs to 40% from 38%, occasioned by the greater pupil enrollment growth in Boxford as compared with Topsfield.
2. The increase of \$3,904 in the *Teaching Salaries—Special Account* reflects in part the increase of a half day per week in teaching time for a physical education instructor and for the art supervisor.
3. The increase of \$1,954 in the *Library Services Account* results from the expansion of the program initiated in 1967. The amount budgeted provides for a further increase in time for the Principal Library Assistant and the School Library Assistant.
4. The increase of \$1,290 in the *Specific Repairs and Upkeep Account* indicates a more realistic approach to needed

repairs based on experience, as well as providing for the painting of the Cole School outside trim and the preparation of the Morse School basement for the lunch program.

5. The increase of \$1,504 in the *Acquisition of Equipment Account* is detailed in a separate listing.
6. The increase of \$1,080 in the *Food Service Account* reflects provision for employing eight (8) persons in supervise pupils at noontime in the cafeteria and on the playground.

The average pupil enrollment for 1967 was 595. Therefore a gross per pupil cost, excluding any reimbursements, based on the appropriation of \$284,315 is \$477.84. The projected average enrollment for 1968 is 658 pupils. Dividing the proposed appropriation of \$331,629 by the projected average enrollment yields a gross per pupil cost of \$504.00.

### **Collective Bargaining**

Chapter 763 of the Acts of 1965 gave municipal employees in Massachusetts essentially the same rights to organize and bargain collectively as are enjoyed by workers in private industry. Acting under the provisions of this statute, the Boxford School Committee and the representatives of the Boxford Teachers' Association have accepted a procedural agreement, which describes the conditions under which bargaining will be carried on locally. In the fall of 1966 and again in the fall of 1967, bargaining sessions were held, in which proposals dealing with salary, hours, and other conditions of employment were submitted by both groups, discussed, and eventually included within an agreement. Major items, in which settlements were reached in 1967 follow:

1. The sick leave policy for teachers was revised to provide ten (10) days leave per year for the first three (3) years of employment in Boxford, and fifteen (15) days leave per year thereafter, cumulative to a maximum entitlement of ninety (90) days.
2. The provision of automatic salary deductions for purposes of purchase of United States Savings Bonds, Pio-

- neer Credit Union deposits, and teachers' association dues.
3. Salary payments will be on a twenty-six-payment plan, effective in September 1968, as compared with the present twenty-four-payment plan.
  4. The salary schedule for teachers was revised as follows, to be effective September 1, 1968:

Step	B	B+15	M	M+15	Prof. Cert.
1.	6100	6300	6500	6700	6900
2.	6400	6600	6800	7000	7200
3.	6600	6800	7000	7200	7400
4.	6900	7100	7300	7500	7700
5.	7100	7300	7500	7700	7900
6.	7300	7500	7700	7900	8100
7.	7500	7700	7900	8100	8300
8.	7800	8000	8200	8400	8600
9.	8100	8300	8500	8700	8900
10.	8400	8600	8800	9000	9200
11.	8700	8900	9100	9300	9500
12.	9000	9200	9400	9600	9800
13.			9700	9900	10100

For comparison purposes, the current salary schedule is shown on Page 114 of the 1966 Annual Report.

### School Facilities

An enrollment increase of eighty (80) pupils in the fall of 1967, as compared with the previous year, required the use of the Aaron Wood School for school purposes for the first time since the availability of the Spofford Pond School. The enrollment per grade and school follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Cole	112	46	108	48			314
Wood		43					43
Spofford				55	119	112	286
Town	112	89	108	103	119	112	643

Twelve of the thirteen classrooms at the Cole School are in use for regular classes. The thirteenth classroom is presently

used for remedial reading. The two classrooms in the Wood School house two sections of second graders. The ten classrooms at the Spofford Pond School are fully utilized. There are two classes of fourth graders and four classes each of fifth and sixth graders. Not only is there virtually 100% utilization of these buildings, but it should be pointed out that average class size has risen to 27 pupils per class, an average which committee members, administration, and teaching staff alike wish to maintain at an average no higher than 25 pupils per class.

The tentative organization for the fall of 1968 provides for two or three additional classes, as required. The added classes dictate a return to public school usage of the two classrooms at the Gardner Morse School, which has served for private kindergarten activities during the past two years. This move will bring such attendant problems as difficult bus routes and schedules, and a carry-in hot lunch program.

The factors noted above and the indications of a continuing population increase in Boxford demonstrate the acute need of additional elementary school facilities. Steps to meet this need are now being taken by the Boxford School Building Committee with the assistance and encouragement of the Boxford School Committee. A target date of September, 1969, has been tentatively set for the opening of new facilities, which will be an addition to the Spofford Pond School. Original plans for the Spofford Pond School, which opened in 1964, called for an eventual expansion of the plant to double its capacity. Preliminary needs and planning indicate that such a step should now be taken.

### **School Organization**

Coincident with the opening of the Spofford Pond School, the organization of the two schools was based upon grade levels rather than the more common school district or neighborhood concept. A major factor indicating the desirability of grade level organization at that time was the fact that at most grade levels there were but three classes. Therefore, organization on a district basis would have meant that there would be but one class at certain levels in one school and a wide range



in the size of classes within a grade level. By bringing all classes in a grade level together at one school, much more uniformity in class size was effected and opportunities were provided for regrouping classes at the upper grade level in such subjects as reading and mathematics.

In September 1968 there will be at least four (4) classes at all grade levels and five (5) classes at certain grade levels. Therefore, it has now become feasible to organize the schools on a district basis with an enrollment sufficient in each district to warrant at least two classes at every level. The regrouping of upper grade classes can be accomplished for reading and mathematics instruction and a limited amount of departmentalization carried on. Therefore, the School Committee has voted to organize the schools on a district basis, effective in September, 1968.

The Gardner Morse School and Spofford Pond School will service one district with two classes at a grade level, Grades 1-6. With the availability of new facilities in September, 1969, all pupils in this district would be served by the Spofford Pond School. The second district will be served by the Cole School-Wood School complex using fourteen (14) or fifteen (15) classrooms.

A major benefit resulting from this reorganization will be the drastic reduction in the mileage covered and time spent on buses by pupils in the present situation. Some pupils are currently spending two hours per day on a school bus. The crowded condition and long rides as presently prevail are conducive to the development of problems and detract from the total picture of a well-ordered school day.

The tentative plan for the coming school year would have the two schools, the Spofford-Morse and the Cole-Wood beginning and ending sessions one-half hour apart. This will make possible the use of six (6) of the seven (7) buses to service both schools: that is, to pick up and deliver pupils at one school and then pick up and deliver a second group of pupils to the other school for the opening one-half hour later. The seventh bus will serve only one school, carrying pupils from outlying

areas. Such a plan will therefore make fuller use of bus capacities, decrease the length of bus time on the part of pupils by almost 50%, and will avoid the necessity of adding an eighth bus, which would otherwise be required.

Another major organizational change is scheduled for 1969. The school committee has placed on record its intention to establish a public kindergarten program simultaneously with the opening of the next addition to the Boxford School facilities, the date of said opening to be determined solely on the basis of the additional facility requirements of grades one through six. The opening of the next addition has been targeted for September, 1969, as has been previously discussed.

This position on a kindergarten program was taken after a period of study and discussion extending over some four years. Two factors bringing the matter to decision at this time were the planning of new facilities and the adoption by the State Board of Education of guidelines which mandate the establishment of public kindergartens in all communities of the State no later than 1973.

### **The Curriculum**

During any given year certain aspects of curriculum are under review or development. The focus of such work during 1967 has been found within a curriculum project including not only the Boxford and Topsfield elementary system but also the Middleton elementary system and the Masconomet Regional School District. This project, funded by a Title III grant under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, is attempting to develop a completely new system of reporting pupil progress. Attendant upon such a change in reporting is the revision of the curriculum guides to facilitate this radically changed concept of reporting pupil progress. The report by the Project Director follows:

"In May the School Committee, acting on behalf of the local School Committees, was awarded an operational grant in the amount of \$55,900 from the U. S. Office of Education for the project entitled 'Regional Research and Development Center—Reporting Student Achievement in Terms of Modular



Progress.' The superintendents of Boxford, Masconomet, Middleton, and Topsfield formally organized as a Board of Directors to provide supervision and responsibility for this project. The Board engaged Mr. Edward J. Colman, Jr., and Mr. James W. Russell as Director and Assistant Director, respectively.

Teachers representing the local schools and the Masconomet Regional High School participated in a Summer Institute during the months of July and August at which they designed models for the modular curriculum and reporting system. They were guided in their efforts by Dr. Vincent L. Hawes of Salem State College, Salem, Massachusetts, and Dr. John Valois of Merrimack College, Andover, Massachusetts, who were engaged as consultants to the Title III Project.

Following the Summer Institute, monthly meetings were held in the elementary and high schools to acquaint all the staff members with the goals of the project. A plan to improve curriculum and the means of reporting student achievement and progress has been developed and will be tested in a pilot program which will begin in September, 1968, if the District's re-application for continuance of the project is approved for refunding.

In preparation for the Summer Institute-1968, administrators and teachers will attend an In-Service Workshop from January 24 through May 15.

Application for the continuation of this program beyond the current year will be submitted on April 1 to the Department of Education for approval."

### **School Lunch Program**

Operating under the National School Lunch Act, the Boxford Schools continue to offer a Class A school lunch to pupils. Approximately 75% of the children take advantage of the program. The remainder bring a lunch from home and usually purchase milk at the school. Pupils are charged \$0.25 per meal, a price which has remained at the same level since the Boxford program opened operations in 1955. Milk is sold separately at \$0.03 per half pint. Federal funds provide a \$0.09 per meal subsidy and certain surplus commodities for service and trans-

portation charges. It should be noted, however, that a large proportion of the food is purchased from the usual commercial suppliers.

The program has been a self-supporting program, requiring no direct appropriation from the Town. The balance sheet for the 1966-1967 school year shows a modest profit as detailed below:

#### 1966-1967 School Year

Income Based on Sales	\$20,534.46	
School Lunch and Milk Subsidy	8,847.36	
	<hr/>	\$29,381.82
Expenditures:		
Food	\$15,301.14	
Wages	10,378.90	
Equipment	1,761.93	
Other	1,359.92	\$28,801.89
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Profit		\$ 579.93

#### Health Service

A comprehensive health program is carried on under the direction of the School Nurse, Mrs. Mary Hunter, and Doctors James and David Brackbill, School Physicians. The height and weight of each pupil is recorded annually. Vision and hearing tests are administered to every pupil. Ill and injured children are cared for until their parents can assume the responsibility. School health services include:

Physical Examinations	96 pupils — 3 referrals
Vision Tests	580 pupils — 34 referrals
Audiometer Tests	594 pupils — 13 referrals
Diphtheria-Tetanus Innocations	66 pupils — 1 referral
Tuberculosis Tine Tests	108 pupils 28 staff
Influenza Vaccine	school staff

In addition to the above, vision testing was offered for pre-school children in the spring prior to school entrance in the fall.

A new statute became effective in December, 1967, which has significant implication for the school health program. In the past the law has required, with certain exceptions, that all school children be vaccinated against smallpox. The new law extends the requirement to include immunization against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, and poliomyelitis. The law reads:

*Section 15.* No child shall, except as hereinafter provided, be admitted to school except upon presentation of a physician's certificate that the child has been successfully vaccinated against smallpox and immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles and poliomyelitis and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the department of public health.

A child shall be admitted to school upon certification by a physician that he has personally examined such child and that in his opinion the physical condition of the child is such that his health would be endangered by such vaccination or by any of such immunizations. Such certification shall be submitted at the beginning of each school year to the physician in charge of the school health program. If the physician in charge of the school health program does not agree with the opinion of the child's physician, the matter shall be referred to the department of public health, whose decision will be final.

In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared by the department of public health, no child whose parent or guardian objects in writing to vaccination or immunization upon the ground that it conflicts with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination of which he is an adherent or member shall be required to present said physician's certificate in order to be admitted to school, but may present in lieu thereof, an affidavit signed by an official of such church or religious denomination that the parent or guardian of such child is an adherent or member in

good standing of such church or religious denomination, and that such parent or guardian objects on religious grounds to vaccination and immunization.

Approved September 5, 1967.

Effective December 4, 1967.

### **Guidelines to the Future**

In its recent annual reports the Boxford School Committee has brought to the attention of the voters of Boxford the diminution of local autonomy in the administration of the public schools brought about by the accelerating involvement of both the federal government and the state government. Significant federal programs were detailed in the 1966 Annual Report and their continuing influence in vital aspects of the local school curriculum is reflected in the description of the Title III Research and Development Project, which appears in an earlier section of this report.

However, the major thrust in 1967 came from legislation at the state level. A major piece of legislation was the enactment of Chapter 272, which increased the minimum salary for public school teachers from \$5,000 to \$5,750. A second significant legislative enactment was Chapter 590, which extends greatly the requirements for immunization and which is detailed in the earlier section of this report dealing with health services. The impact from Chapter 563, which authorized collective bargaining by municipal employees and which became effective in 1966, resounded with greater force throughout the Commonwealth in 1967.

Notwithstanding the above legislation, it now appears that the guidelines of the State Board of Education will have even greater implication for local systems in the everyday operation of the educational programs. The Massachusetts Education Study Committee, appointed by the Governor in 1962, submitted what has become known as the Willis-Harrington Report in 1964. This exhaustive report recommended many far reaching changes, including the creation of a new State Board of Public Education with vastly increased powers over the previous State Board of Education, which new board became opera--



tive in 1966. In recent months guidelines, having the full force of legislative regulation, have been issued by the State Board of Education. Additional guidelines are now in process of development and approval. It should be noted that these regulations establish minimum standards only. The Board of Education urges local communities to extend themselves well above these minimum standards. Comments on certain approved, operative guidelines follow:

*Length of School Day and Year*

1. Elementary schools shall operate not less than five (5) hours daily, exclusive of lunch and other recess.
2. Secondary schools shall operate not less than five and one-half hours (5½) hours daily exclusive of lunch or other recess.
3. The school year shall consist of 180 days of actual school attendance between September 1, and June 30.
4. It is recommended that four (4) to six (6) week summer sessions be incorporated into the school calendar on a voluntary basis.

The above requirements for the length of the school year have been in effect through statute for several years. However, previously the length of the school day lay solely within the discretion of the local school committee.

*Kindergarten*

1. Kindergarten education should be provided by all public school systems for all children of the Commonwealth.
2. School districts which do not provide kindergarten programs for all eligible children by September 1, 1968, shall submit plans for the implementation of kindergartens to the Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education by December 31, 1968.
3. All school districts shall provide kindergarten education for all eligible children by September 1, 1973.
4. Class size for kindergartens shall not exceed an average of 25.
5. The Bureau of School Building Assistance shall evaluate all new elementary school construction to insure adequate provision for kindergarten facilities.

6. Kindergarten classes shall be taught by qualified and certified teachers.
7. The Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education shall establish curriculum guidelines for all kindergartens.

As noted earlier in this report, the Boxford School Committee has already taken initial steps toward the establishment of a kindergarten program in 1969, which will meet the requirements of the regulations listed above. Of particular interest in the above regulations is the first instance of a state prescription of a maximum class size, as well as the establishment of state curriculum guidelines for all kindergartens.

#### *Physical Education*

1. Physical education includes health education, hygiene, physiology, first aid, classroom instruction in performance techniques, and physical fitness activities.
2. For grades 1-6 a standard of 90 minutes weekly of physical education, a major portion of which should be devoted to vigorous physical activity appropriate to the physical development of children in the elementary schools, shall be required with the distribution of time to be determined by local school officials.
3. For grades 7-12 a standard of 120 minutes weekly for physical education, a major portion of which should be scheduled for vigorous physical activity, shall be required with the distribution of time to be determined by the local school officials.
4. Children who can benefit from corrective exercises shall have adaptive or corrective programs scheduled in compliance with Chapter 71, Section 3.
5. The Bureau of School Building Assistance shall evaluate new construction with regard to adequate resources (e.g., gymnasias, swimming pools, classrooms, laboratories, and related facilities) for a comprehensive physical education and health program.
6. The Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education, in cooperation with an appropriate committee of advisors,



shall publish and shall make available to the school systems of the Commonwealth minimum standards of physical education for each of the grades, one through twelve, and the Department recommends a yearly testing of every school child in the Commonwealth. The results of these tests should be reported to the Board of Education for the determination of future policy in the area of physical education.

Of particular interest in the above regulations are the first instance of a state prescription of a minimum number of minutes to be provided in any curriculum area. Also of major concern is the first instance of the requirement of annual testing in any curriculum area and the reporting of the results of such testing to the Board of Education.

#### *Perceptually Handicapped Children*

These guidelines are still listed as *tentative* although they have been formally approved by the Board. The guidelines cover four pages and refer to further regulations, forms, and standards yet to be developed under the joint sponsorship of the Department of Education, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Mental Health. A brief digest of significant points follows:

1. Each School Committee shall ascertain the number of pupils who have specific learning disabilities, including problems in visual perception and interpretation, and the reading disability known as dyslexia.
2. The term "perceptually handicapped" is defined as those children who reveal such severe developmental disparities in the acquisition of certain educational skills and functions relating to expectancy based on mental age as to require highly specific, individualized, instructional techniques.
3. Determination of eligibility for such a program will be made on the basis of an initial school screening of children who are retarded two or more years in a basic subject.
4. Forms yet to be developed will be completed for such children and forwarded to a State Review Committee for

Perceptually Handicapped Children, which committee will recommend the course to be taken with these children and the nature of the remedial instruction to be given.

5. Reimbursement from the Department of Education will be granted to those communities whose programs receive departmental approval. It is expected, although not yet stated, that the reimbursement rate for these expenditures will be 50%.

#### *Pupil-Teacher Ratios*

The guidelines for this aspect of the school program are still as yet tentative and subject to final approval by the Board of Education. Public hearings on these proposals are yet to be held and board approval is not anticipated before the spring of 1968. The following ratios, as recommended in the Willis-Harrington Report, shall be the minimum standard for the professional staffing of the schools:

##### Elementary Grades 1-8

40 classroom teachers per thousand students

10 non-classroom professional personnel per thousand students

##### Secondary Grades 9-12

60 classroom teachers per thousand students

15 non-classroom professional personnel per thousand students

To give some measure of the implications of these proposed guidelines, their implementation during the current school year would require two additional classroom teachers and two additional non-classroom staff members such as administrators, subject specialists, and remedial instructors.

#### *School District Organization*

Another set of tentative guidelines, dealing with school district organization has just recently been endorsed by the Board of Education. Final action on these guidelines by the Board of Education, following public hearings, is also expected in 1968.

These guidelines will set the pattern for the reduction of the approximately 390 school systems in Massachusetts to some 200 districts. They read as follows:

1. Each community shall constitute, or be a part of, a school district maintaining and operating a complete Kindergarten-Grade 12 educational program, governed by a single school committee with one superintendent of schools.
2. Each school committee shall make provisions for participation in an approved vocational-occupational program.
3. Each school committee shall provide an educational program which meets the minimum standards mandated by the Board of Education. Each school committee shall be encouraged to exceed these minimum standards.
4. Each school district shall contain at least 2,000 pupils unless prevented by extenuating circumstances acceptable to the Board of Education.
5. Each school committee with less than 2,000 pupils under its jurisdiction on December 31, 1968, shall submit a plan to implement these Guidelines to the Commissioner of Education by December 31, 1969.

Such requirements have maximum significance for school systems such as our own who presently meet neither the structural nor numerical standards. Therefore, it now appears that by December 31, 1969, it will be incumbent upon the local systems to develop a plan and time schedule for meeting these new school district guidelines. Accomplishment will be required probably by 1975. Legislative action will be sought to place the final discretion at the state and not the local level.

In view of the fact that the local system is already involved with a three-town regional secondary unit and the three-town K-12 potential enrollment will meet the minimum size, the future school district organization locally seems clearly defined. All indications point to a K-12 regional school district for Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield in the 1970's.

*Future Goals at the Local Level*

The preceding lengthy description of steps taken and being taken at the state level to raise the standards of public education and equalize educational opportunity throughout the Commonwealth can well be followed by a statement of at-

tempts locally to raise even higher the quality of the local educational program.

As an outgrowth of committee discussions in February, 1967, emphasis has been given to the development of a listing of steps which might be taken to improve the caliber of the educational offerings and to serve to attract and retain teaching personnel of the highest possible qualifications. A listing of such items, totaling over fifty (50) at one point, by staff, administration, and committee members, was developed and exposed to committee scrutiny and discussion. This committee consideration became a joint consideration with Topsfield School Committee with the establishment of a subcommittee with representation from the committee of both towns. This committee, known as the Considerations for Future Development Subcommittee, has met and made recommendations to the full committees that the ten items listed below received first priorities for committee in-depth study and decision:

1. *System Organization*

Regionalization for Topsfield and Boxford Elementary Systems, eventually including a K-12 district for Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield. (Subsequent discussions with State Department Officials have indicated an elementary region would not be approved.)

2. *Instructional Staff*

More stress on orientation, in-service training, and supervision with greater expectation of high level performance and consequent effect in reappointment policies.

3. *Special Instructional Services*

Expanded remedial services, reading, mathematics, and basic communication skills.

4. *Public Relations*

Greater reporting and interpretation of program to local public.

5. *School Organization*

Class size 18-25



6a. *Curriculum Development*

Greatly increased stress on individualization of instruction.

b. *Curriculum Development*

Planned program of curriculum revision with more comprehensive, more highly developed guides, and more properly presented guides.

c. *Curriculum Development*

Employment of staff members during the summer for curriculum development work.

7a. *Instructional Staff*

Highly selective procurement policy and program.

b. *Instructional Staff*

Salary Schedules reaching at least the 75th percentile of the competing group at both minimum and maximum levels, with a small number of sizeable increments to bring quick advancement and with special provisions for rewarding and holding purposes.

**ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER 1, 1967****HARRY LEE COLE**

Grade	1	2	3	4	Totals
Boys	55	26	54	24	159
Girls	57	20	54	24	155
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	112	46	108	48	314

**AARON WOOD**

Grade	2	Totals
Boys	18	18
Girls	25	25
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	43	43

**SPOFFORD POND**

Grade			Totals
Boys	23	67	64
Girls	32	52	48
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	55	119	112
			286

**SCHOOL CENSUS**

Ages	5 - 7	7 - 16	16 - 21	Totals
Boys	95	482	74	641
Girls	95	457	67	619
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	190	939	141	1260

**No-School Signal**

No-school announcements will be broadcast over WESX, WHAV, and WNAC between 7:00 and 7:30 A.M., if there is no school for the day. Announcements regarding "No School" are made by the Boxford Superintendent for the Boxford Elementary schools only. Announcements for the Masconomet Regional High School will be made by the Regional Superintendent and will be designated "Masconomet Regional High School."



In addition three long blasts will be given on the local fire alarm at 7:15 A.M. to designate no school for the elementary classes (grades one through six) for the day.

During stormy or extremely cold weather, parents are urged to exercise their own judgment in sending their children to school.

### **Vaccination and Immunization**

A new law (detailed earlier in this report under *Health Service*) requires vaccination against small pox and immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, and poliomyelitis as a condition of school attendance. A child may be admitted upon certification by a physician that the health of the child would be endangered by such vaccination or immunizations. Parents are requested to attend to this matter prior to the spring registration for Grade One, if possible.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

## 1967-1968 School Year

January 2 .....	School Reopens
February 16 .....	Winter Recess—Close Regular Time
February 26 .....	School Reopens
March 27 .....	Teachers' Convention—No School
April 11 .....	Spring Recess—Close Regular Time
April 22 .....	School Reopens
May 30 .....	Memorial Day—No School
June 21 .....	Summer Vacation—Close at Noon

## 1968-1969 School Year

September 4 .....	School in Session—Dismissal at Noon
September 5 .....	School in Session—Regular Sessions
November 11 .....	Veterans' Day—No School
November 27 .....	Thanksgiving Recess—Dismissal at Noon
December 2 .....	School Reopens
December 20 .....	Christmas Recess—Dismissal at Regular Time
January 2 .....	School Reopens
February 14 .....	Winter Recess—Dismissal at Regular Time
February 24 .....	School Reopens
March 26 .....	Teachers' Convention—No School
April 4 .....	Good Friday—No School
April 11 .....	Spring Recess—Dismissal at Regular Time
April 21 .....	School Reopens
May 30 .....	Memorial Day—No School
June 20 .....	School Closes for Summer Vacation at Noon

(Subject to Change)

## TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

As of January 1, 1968

Name	Grade or Subject	School	Appoint- ment	Graduate of
Joseph P. Ritchie	Principal	Elementary	1956	Boston College
Isabelle A. Griffin	Assist. Prin. & Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1961	Regis College
Joseph F. Bateman, Jr.	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1966	Salem State College
Helen E. Chadwick	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1955	Bridgewater State College
Ruth A. Curtis	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1967	Gorham State College
Ruth E. Morin	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1950	Hyannis State College
Michael J. Pisani	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1967	University of Massachusetts
Agnes Schmitt	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1966	Northwestern University
Kathleen Whitley	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1966	St. Lawrence University
Lynne H. Balan	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1967	Suffolk University
Donna A. McDuff	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1965	Salem State College
Barbara R. Benson	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1962	University of Illinois
Frank J. Risoldi	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1966	North Texas State College
Sherry S. Chew	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1963	Goucher College
Nancy J. Fort	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1966	Colby College
Ruth E. Garrison	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1967	Gordon College
Anne M. Howard	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1967	Bates College
Dorothy M. Carver	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1939	Salem State College

Dorothy A. Clark	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1966	University of Massachusetts
Virginia Douglass	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1964	Salem State College
Harriet Goldthwaite	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1967	University of Massachusetts
Aleda Collins	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1968	University of Vermont
Enid J. Davis	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1961	So. Connecticut State College
Barbara A. Horn	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1964	Lesley College
Donna L. Proulx	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1967	Salem State College
Eleanor Schmakel	Art		1967	Columbia Teachers' College
Alice F. Boffetti	Music		1964	N. E. Conserv. of Music
Jill MacDonald	Physical Ed.		1967	Iowa State University
Helen M. Vautin	Physical Ed.		1965	Douglas College
Dorothea D'Agostino	Reading		1960	Farmington State College
Lois R. Crane	School Adjustment Counselor			
Carlotta Miller	Speech		1962	Boston University
			1966	Boston University

**BOXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

	<b>Expended 1967</b>	<b>Budget 1968</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
School Committee		
Salary of Clerk	\$ 254.40	\$ 300.00
Other Expense	293.62	280.00
Superintendent's Office		
Salary	5,870.88	6,322.00
Salaries, Secretarial	3,424.20	3,890.00
Census	200.00	200.00
Supplies and Materials	388.51	390.00
Other		75.00
Travel-in-state	247.24	258.00
Travel-out-of-state	7.28	82.00
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	✓ \$ 10,686.13	\$ 11,797.00
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>		
Supervision		
Rinehart Handwriting	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00
Principals		
Salaries	10,233.20	13,842.00
Salaries, Secretarial	4,714.50	5,540.00
Supplies	301.59	250.00
Other Expense	256.55	225.00
Teaching		
Salaries — Regular	153,088.86	174,476.00
Salaries — Special	10,832.96	14,968.00
Salaries — Substitute	2,750.00	3,114.00
Salaries — Home Tutoring	244.37	375.00
Supplies and Materials		
General	2,819.18	3,886.00
Consumable Instructional Materials	2,611.42	2,552.00
Physical Education	371.17	350.00
Music	100.00	120.00
Remedial Reading	158.05	200.00
Workshop and Conference Expense	43.80	200.00



Textbook Program		
Basic and Supplemental	2,333.06	2,784.00
Remedial Reading	50.80	100.00
Music Texts	239.82	175.00
Library Services		
Consultant and Clerical	1,395.35	2,987.00
Supplies and Materials	125.05	300.00
Audio-Visual Program		
Supplies and Materials	177.28	500.00
Guidance Services		
Supplies and Materials	1,073.68	600.00
Psychological Services		
Salary — Tester		500.00
Educational Television		
Supplies and Materials	422.25	483.00
	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>
	\$194,792.94	\$229,027.00

## OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance		
Attendance Officer	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
School Adjustment Counsellor	3,506.56	3,754.00
Psychiatric Consultant Services	66.67	150.00
Other Expense — SAC Travel	63.60	70.00
	<u>3646.83</u>	
Health Services		
Nurse	1,756.69	2,123.00
Physician	500.00	500.00
Supplies and Materials	36.02	50.00
Other Expense — Travel Nurse	<u>2292.71</u>	60.00
Pupil Transportation		
Contracted Services		
Regular	32,075.00	33,359.00
Educational Trips	314.50	600.00
Vocational	78.98	772.00
Special Class	112.86	1,440.00
	<u>32581.34</u>	
Food Services	3,432.00	4,320.00
	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>
	\$41,952.88	\$ 47,208.00



## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE — PLANT

## Operation of Plant

Custodial Services	\$ 14,549.68	\$ 16,610.00
Supplies and Materials	2,293.98	2,320.00

## Heating Buildings

Oil	4,500.74	5,725.00
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## Utility Services

Light and Power	3,954.23	4,240.00
Telephones — Schools	464.55	450.00
Telephones — Administration	93.55	135.00

## Maintenance of Plant

## Maintenance of Grounds

Care of Grounds	419.03	500.00
Waste Removal	344.04	650.00
Other (Repair, Equipment)		50.00

## Maintenance of Buildings

## Repairs and Upkeep

Specific	1,468.94	2,350.00
Emergency	4,261.64	700.00

## Maintenance of Equipment

Schools — Specific	69.20	130.00
Emergency	160.00	100.00
Administrative Office		15.00

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	\$ 32,579.58	\$ 33,975.00
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## FIXED CHARGES

Insurance Program	\$4,399.66	\$ 4,600.00
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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Civic Activities

Reimbursable Janitor Salaries	305.23	300.00
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## ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

## Acquisition of Equipment

Schools	394.70	1,855.00
Library (new or add.)	505.08	650.00

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## Replacement of Equipment

Schools — Emergency	10.30	50.00
Administrative Office		25.00

	<u>\$ 910.08</u>	<u>\$ 2,580.00</u>
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## PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition — Elementary		\$ 540.00
Vocational	\$ 534.88	1,527.00
Adult Education	153.60	75.00

	<u>\$ 688.48</u>	<u>\$ 2,142.00</u>
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## TOTAL

	<u>\$286,314.98</u>	<u>\$331,629.00</u>
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## SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

Held over from 1966 Budget	\$2,200.00	✓
P. L. 864 — Title III	2,015.18	✓
P. L. 874 — Federal Aid	2,224.13	✓
P. L. 89-10—Title I	<del>4,100.46</del> 4,342.46	✓

297,096.75

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee was established in 1948. In the past twenty years your Finance Committee has worked in the following manner. By statute the Committee must submit a budget to the Town and make recommendations on all articles in the warrant which have to do with either the immediate expenditures of Town Funds or which may potentially have future costs to the Town. In addition to these functions, the Finance Committee endeavors to see that the Town receives its full measure for monies spent. In budget discussions the Finance Committee is concerned that the expenses are reasonable and sufficient to meet the various programs and committee responsibilities.

The Finance Committee has reviewed all of the 1968 budget requests with the different department heads and the committees of the Town. In certain cases we can not agree with the budget requests and will not recommend their passage as presented at the Town Meeting. Although the Town has large school expenditures in relation to other Town departments, we cannot accept the type of reasoning which states that their request "really is not very much in comparison to the total dollar of Town expenses." Town monies should not be wasted on needless projects, excessive expenditures, or in divergent areas which do not seem to fall within the Town's pattern for orderly growth.

The Finance Committee has again attended the budget sessions of both the Regional and the local School Committees. We attended these meetings for the purpose of securing information about their budgets, but we do not by law have any right to reject these respective budgets. In fact, the people of the Town are in the same position, and their only control of the school budgets lies in their power to elect the members of the respective school committees.

This year it has become evident that certain departments or boards must have clerical help in order to have accurate records and files. Their respective budgets are higher for the coming year because of this additional cost.

We are pleased to report a change in the procedure of the payment of the Town bills. The Selectmen now approve the weekly warrant before the payment checks are made out and disbursed.

The Committee feels that the Town must eliminate the duplication of personnel and facilities in the dual set-up for police and fire communications. We should be moving in the direction of a single center for all emergency calls.

With increasing regionalization and joint efforts with adjacent towns or areas, we should all be alert to the possibilities of sharing services or facilities where it can be done more efficiently or with less cost than by present methods.

DeWITT T. MINICH

JOHN G. BOLTON

ROBERT C. BUELL

CARLYLE W. THOMAS

RICHARD R. DeMARK

Finance Committee

**WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Masconomet Regional School, Boxford, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 2. To act on the proposed budget and to see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Election, Interest on Loans, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen, and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

**Approved by the Finance Committee with the exception of the Recreation Budget.**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,500.00 or other suitable sum for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue



of the financial year beginning January 1, 1968, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 7. To appropriate the sum of money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

**Approved by the Finance Committee if amended for libraries only.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be used in conjunction with an allotment from the State under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

**Approved by the Finance Committee if amended to specify Willow Road.**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction.

**Approved by the Finance Committee if amended to specify Middleton Road.**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$37,375.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be added to the Conservation Fund.

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the present police cruiser and raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and equip, for the



Police Department, with the advice of the Chief of Police, a vehicle to be used as a police cruiser-ambulance, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Approved by the Finance Committee if amended to call for the sum of \$2,500.00**

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$8,000.00 for the purchase of new compressor and horn systems for the fire stations.

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the purchase of a forest fire truck to replace Engine No. 5.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the purchase of a new ambulance or cruiser-ambulance.

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Regional Health District under Chapter 111, Section 27-A of the General Laws as amended, with the Town of Topsfield and the Town of Wenham, and in the event that the Town of Wenham does not vote to join the said District at its next annual town meeting, then to establish the said Regional Health District with the Town of Topsfield, or take any action relative thereto.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to enact the following by-law:

"The Selectmen shall have full power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of personal property owned by the Town not exceeding in aggregate value \$2,000.00 in any one calendar year, without prior authorization of a town meeting."

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 18. To vote on the following question:

"Shall the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 156 of the Acts of 1967 providing for the establishment of a regional

school district by the cities of Haverhill and Newburyport and the towns of Amesbury, Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury (or by the said cities and such three or more of the said towns as may accept Chapter 156) and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional vocational school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the city councils of said cities and the Selectmen of said towns."

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,260.00 for the use of the Regional Vocational School District as operating expenses.

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for Boxford's share in the operational expenses of the Child Guidance Center of the Mental Health Association of the North Shore.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$4,000.00 to purchase one used grader and one used chassis, or take any action in the matter.

**Approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$42,000.00 for the purpose of constructing garage facilities for the Highway Department or take any other action in the matter.

**No recommendations by the Finance Committee on this Article until specifications, site and price are determined.**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to request the General Court to enact legislation to provide life tenure for Douglas A. Warren, incumbent of the office of Chief of Police of the Town of Boxford, but providing that he may be removed therefrom, lowered in rank or compensation, or suspended, for cause after hearing.

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,101.95

for the purpose of reimbursing the Salem Young Men's Christian Association for 1967 Real Estate taxes covering the portion of the 1967 tax year during which such charitable organization held title to the premises known as Camelot Swim Club at Killam Hill Road and Interstate Route 95, or to take any other action thereon.

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,800.00 or other suitable sum for re-wiring and new lighting fixtures at the Boxford Village Library to assure a safe electrical installation and to achieve a lighting improvement appropriate to library needs.

**Not approved by the Finance Committee.**

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to complete construction of two ballfields at Boy Scout Park.

**Not approved by Finance Committee as written.**

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

**No recommendation at this time by Finance Committee.**

Article 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in the Fire House, Precinct 1, Boxford, on Tuesday, the fifth day of March next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for one year; Selectman for three years; Town Clerk for three years; Member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Collector of Taxes for one year; Member of the Board of Health for three years; Highway Surveyor for one year; Constable West Parish, for one year; Constable East Parish, for one year; one Member of the Planning Board for five years; one Member of the Planning Board for three years; one Member of the School Committee for three years; one Member of the Regional District School Committee

for three years; three Library Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for one year.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12 NOON  
AND WILL CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight.

HARRY L. COLE

JOHN EVANS

CLAYTON B. LARRABEE

Board of Selectmen



**EXPENDITURES AND PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>Budget 1968</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
Selectmen	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,436.37	\$ 1,950.00
Board of Public Welfare	286.53	280.00	350.00
Assessors	2,503.51	2,487.57	3,300.00
Treasurer	1,085.34	1,274.25	1,945.00
Check Writer		690.00	
Town Clerk	539.00	560.00	600.00
Accountant	2,822.10	3,578.28	4,000.00
Collector	1,912.38	1,843.58	2,000.00
Registrars	399.25	238.75	300.00
Water and Drainage Committee		1,108.00	
Elections	992.47	259.50	1,200.00
Town Counsel	500.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Conservation Committee	30.00	30.00	50.00
Conservation Commission		1,490.00	
Appeal Board	252.25	192.86	800.00
Planning Board	91.00	188.00	800.00
Building Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Wire Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gas Inspector	400.00	482.50	500.00
Plumbing Inspector	595.50	549.50	650.00
Finance Committee	15.00	15.00	25.00
Recreational Planning		459.70	
Recreation Committee	1,013.27	1,177.01	*2,870.00
Board of Health	4,585.48	4,842.27	9,000.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	378.01	357.00	500.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Baseball Field		2,338.00	
Child Guidance Center		325.00	
Assessors' Maps	449.35	386.95	
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	\$ 22,350.44	\$ 29,640.09	\$ 34,090.00
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:</b>			
Dog Officer	\$ 393.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 250.00
Police	23,844.02	30,983.26	38,000.00
Police 1966 Account		26.00	
Police Cruiser		2,324.15	
Fire Department	16,216.29	17,412.29	20,375.00
Tree Warden	2,497.25	1,987.80	2,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,398.70	1,394.90	1,400.00

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	Expenditures		Proposed Budget
	1966	1967	1968
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,999.30	1,997.30	2,000.00
Fire Department, Engine #6 Repairs		402.50	
Fire Station Improvements — 1966		57.50	
Central Communications System		4,813.10	
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	\$ 46,348.56	\$ 61,695.80	\$ 64,025.00
<b>AID AND RELIEF:</b>			
Public Welfare	\$ 52.00	\$ 1,105.55	
Disability Assistance	1,075.70	621.80	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,067.45		
Old Age Assistance	2,963.18	2,799.30	
Medical Assistance	5,839.67	12,765.79	
Veterans' Benefits	1,287.78	1,197.60	3,000.00
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Adm.	722.00	1,326.00	5,408.00
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	\$ 14,007.78	\$ 19,816.04	\$ 25,168.00
<b>SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES:</b>			
Schools — Town	\$256,517.91	\$286,314.98	\$331,629.00
Vocational School District		150.00	
Regional District School	342,192.76	407,234.52	509,985.06
Libraries	6,453.61	18,109.94	20,000.00
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	\$605,164.28	\$711,809.44	\$861,614.06
<b>HIGHWAYS:</b>			
Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,470.00	\$ 3,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	22,100.00	21,900.50	2,760.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	26,962.48	31,784.53	30,000.00
Street Lighting	874.82	873.80	900.00
Vacation Account	1,910.40	2,290.50	2,900.00
Sick Benefit	489.90	716.00	1,050.00
Chapter 90 Construction	20,670.30	18,012.80	
Land Taking		3,129.50	
Road Machinery Maintenance	2,642.15	3,493.35	
Chapter 90 — Maintenance	1,200.00	1,200.00	
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	\$ 78,850.05	\$ 88,870.98	\$ 40,610.00
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>			
Town Halls	\$ 1,384.84	\$ 1,832.09	\$ 5,000.00
Public Grounds	141.58	281.03	300.00
Town Forest	100.00		100.00
Civil Defense	151.67	404.97	200.00
Insurance	5,025.87	4,766.94	2,753.00



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	Expenditures		Proposed
	1966	1967	Budget 1968
Memorial Day	445.88	476.26	525.00
Soldiers Graves	200.00	200.00	225.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	50.00	50.00
Harmony Cemetery	150.00	150.00	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00	150.00	150.00
The Boxford Cemetery		906.00	50.00
Town Reports	1,331.90	1,425.15	1,800.00
Clerical	1,752.09	2,044.03	1,500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	1,075.14	1,032.29	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt and Temporary Loan	3,831.94	3,891.00	3,600.00
School House Notes	31,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
Community House	149.31	148.45	300.00
Group Hospital and Life Insurance	4,089.99	4,402.26	4,600.00
Water Source Survey	7.15	9,386.33	50.00
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	\$ 51,037.36	\$ 57,546.80	\$ 49,353.00











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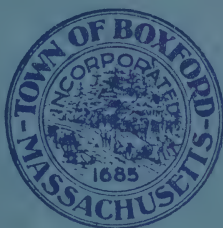
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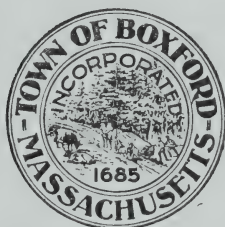




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**TOWN OFFICERS**

**Elected**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

John Evans	Term expires 1969
Clayton B. Larabee	Term expires 1970
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1971

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Selectmen

**MODERATOR**

William J. Greenler, Jr.

**TOWN CLERK**

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1971
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1971

**TOWN TREASURER**

Helen L. Benulis (Resigned)	
Francis F. Perry	Term expires 1969

**COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Frederick A. Smallman

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1969
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1970
Chester K. Twiss	Term expires 1971

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Una K. Bakewell	Term expires 1969
Charles H. Pinkham, 2nd	Term expires 1970
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1971



## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Gordon Price	Term expires 1969
James H. Heeremans	Term expires 1969
Webster B. Brockelman, Jr.	Term expires 1970
Albert D. Wood	Term expires 1970
Peter K. Race	Term expires 1971

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Amy G. Parkhurst	Harry E. Trask
Richard P. Chadwick	

## TREE WARDEN

Robert E. Hebb

## HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

Clinton E. French

## CONSTABLES

Cecil H. Farnsworth	Walter H. Gamans, Jr.
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## PLANNING BOARD

Thomas B. Greenman (1969)	David L. Pitt (1971)
E. Laurence Colby (1969)	Charles L. Cotton (Resigned)
J. Warren Chadwick (1970)	Craig E. Falk (1973)
William E. Dorman (1970)	Charles P. A. Nelson (1973)

## REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Shirley L. MacGill	Term expires 1969
Lewis C. Doggett	Term expires 1970
Edward C. Bryant	Term expires 1971

## TRUSTEES OF THE BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Thomas E. Cargill, Jr. (1969)	H. Irene Latham (1970)
Rosamond Price Gowen (1969)	Milton E. Lord (1971)
Catherine T. Thomas (1969)	Helene N. Dodd (1971)
Richard P. Chadwick (1970)	John F. G. Eichorn (1971)
Winthrop P. Haynes (1970)	

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**Appointed**

**TOWN COUNSEL**

William J. Greenler, Jr.

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Barbara C. Perley

Term expires 1971

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Douglas A. Warren

**CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Charles E. Killam

**APPEAL BOARD**

Winthrop P. Haynes (Resigned)

Donald Scutiere

Term expires 1969

Simeon Locke, M.D.

Term expires 1970

Roland W. Butters

Term expires 1971

**APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES**

John P. Marsh

Term expires 1970

Richard Spofford

Term expires 1971

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Earle O. Latham (1969)

Charlotte Maddock (1969)

Catherine Thomas (1969)

Rosamond P. Gowen (1970)

Robson E. Shelley (1971)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Richard DeMark (1969)

Robert C. Buell (1970)

Carlyle W. Thomas (1969)

John G. Bolton (1970)

DeWitt T. Minich (1971)

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

John J. Hudson (1969)                      Edmond J. Mead, Jr. (Resigned)  
Lucille S. Getz (1969)                      William C. Abbott, Jr. (1970)  
Shirley MacGill (1971)  
A. Gordon Price (1971)

## MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Robert E. Hebb

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William H. Greenler, D.V.M.

## INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Samuel E. Lawes (Retired)                      Walter H. Gamans, Jr.  
Arthur G. Smith

## TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Archer N. French

## DOG OFFICER

Donald E. Hughes

## FOREST WARDEN

Charles E. Killam

## CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

## DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Henry W. Nason

John M. Moore

## POLICE OFFICERS

Earl Blake	Fred D. Newell, Jr.
C. Richard Cunningham	Joseph A. Pageau
Cecil Farnsworth	Richard W. Pratt
Clinton E. French	Harold O. Sederquest
David French	William Stone
Walter H. Gamans, Jr.	Walter Strobel, Jr.
Paul A. Genest	James T. Stromberg
Charles N. Love	Robert M. Woodbury

## RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson	Ernest K. Mortimer
Horace D. Moore	Francis S. Smith

## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wade Elliott (1969)	John Stuart Haywood (1971)
Frederick B. Monell, Jr. (1970)	Julius Sasso (1972)

From the School Committee:

Peter K. Race  
A. Gordon Price  
Albert D. Wood

## TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Walter K. Morss (1969)	Winthrop P. Haynes (1970)
Robert B. Parkhurst (1971)	

## WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Clayton A. Nelson (1969)	Buell L. Bassette (1971)
Patricia Bailly (1970)	William A. Cheney (1972)
Donald J. Scutiere (1973)	

## FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## INSPECTORS

Buildings, Henry W. Nason  
Gas, Gardner W. Starrett

Plumbing, Harold L. Galloway  
Wiring, Herbert W. Sperry

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## CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Maurice L. Medoff, Director  
(Resigned)

Mrs. Claire E. Taylor, Director  
of Public Assistance

On July 1, 1968, taken over by the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Bernard E. Bingham, District Director

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## BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685, and its population at the time of the 1965 census was 3004.

Number of registered voters (1968) 1,791.

Area in square miles, 24.39. Miles of Town Road, 70.

Boxford is in the Third Essex Senatorial District and in the Twelfth Essex Representative District. The Senator is William L. Saltonstall, 388 Summer Street, Manchester. The Representative is Robert C. Buell, Woodcrest Road, Boxford.

Inspectors for the Town of Boxford are:

Building Inspector, Henry W. Nason, Washington St., West Boxford — Tel. 352-2323.

Wire Inspector, Herbert W. Sperry, Main Street, West Boxford — Tel. 352-2470.

Sanitary Engineer, John R. Romanski, office at Topsfield Town Hall — Tel. 887-2116.

Gas Inspector, Gardner W. Starrett, Middleton Road — Tel. 887-5058.

Plumbing Inspector, Harold R. Galloway, Middleton Road — Tel. 887-2232.

**LIST OF JURORS — 1968-1969**

Abbott, William C., salesman, Topsfield Road, Boxford.  
Ackerman, Alfred R., Jr., salesman, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Anderson, Thomas J., engineer, Cedar Street, Boxford.  
Beal, Arthur R., salesman, Middleton Road, Boxford.  
Benedict, Ernest, insurance, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Bickford, Stanley M., engineer, Georgetown Road, Boxford.  
Boone, Bert R., ret. physician, Hillside Road, Boxford.  
Clark, Lewis, engineer, Mill Run, Boxford.  
Clay, George R., retired, off Main Street, West Boxford.  
Curtis, Otis E., industrial worker, Ipswich Road, West Boxford.  
Drislane, Dennis J., paving contractor, Killam Hill Road, Boxford.  
DuBrule, Louis J., druggist, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Eremian, Mary F., housewife, Woodcrest Road, Boxford.  
Ferne, George B., salesman, Killam Hill Road, Boxford.  
Freedman, Gertrude, housewife, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Hoogerzeil, Norman P., inspector, Depot Road, Boxford.  
Kernander, Ann E., housewife, King John Drive, Boxford.  
Lincoln, Charles W., chemist, Bare Hill Road, Boxford.  
Lombard, Theodore L., banker, Herrick Road, Boxford.  
McClung, Hugh A., foreman, Main Street, West Boxford.  
Monell, Frederick B., Jr., retired, Washington Street, West Boxford.  
Moore, Horace D., retired, Depot Road, Boxford.  
Nickerson, Norman B., engineer, Depot Road, Boxford.  
Pearl, Clara E., housewife, Main Street, West Boxford.  
Price, Rosamond, housewife, Washington Street, West Boxford.  
Raciti, Joseph A., industrial engineer, Killam Hill Road, Boxford.  
Redman, Alma A., housewife, Hillside Road, Boxford.  
Russell, Gordon A., engineer, Main Street, Boxford.  
Schott, Warren B., Jr., engineer, Fish Brook Road, Boxford.  
Shattuck, Otis E., retired, Ipswich Road, Boxford.  
Thomas, Carlyle W., shoe machinery, Baldpate Road, Boxford.  
Verrengia, Beverly B., housewife, Valley Road, West Boxford.  
Vint, Jean P., librarian, Lantern Lane, Boxford.



Wade, Elva G., housewife, Killam Hill Road, Boxford.

Walker, Roland E., engineer, Chapman Road, Boxford.

Wayland, E. Brewster, civil service, Herrick Road, Boxford.

Wheeler, Gardner A., salesman, Middleton Road, Boxford.

Widen, Elmer, accountant, Round Top Road, Boxford.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 4, 1968**

The voters of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional School at 8 P.M., March 4, 1968 for their annual town meeting with 275 voters present. After a prayer by Reverend Robert Dana of the Second Church, William J. Greenler, Jr., the Moderator, opened the business meeting and the articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the annual Town Report.

Article 2. Voted to accept the proposed budget as printed with one exception: The Recreation Committee was reduced from \$2,870.000 to \$2,075.00.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$4,500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1968, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate the sum of money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for the use of Boxford Public Libraries.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be used in conjunction with an allotment from the State under Chapter 90 Maintenance, such sum to be used for maintenance on Willow Road.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the

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Article 10. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$37,375.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 to be added to the Conservation Fund.

Article 12. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the present police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to purchase and equip, for the Police Department, with the advice of the Chief of Police a vehicle to be used as a police cruiser-ambulance.

Article 13. Voted Down by a 134-114 margin.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 for the purchase of a forest fire truck to replace Engine No. 5.

Article 15. Voted Down.

Article 16. Voted to establish a Regional Health District under Chapter 111, Section 27-A of the General Laws as amended, with the Town of Topsfield and the Town of Wenham, and in the event that the Town of Wenham does not vote to join the said District at its next annual town meeting, then to establish the said Regional District with the Town of Topsfield.

Article 17. Voted unanimously to enact the following by-law: "The Selectmen shall have full power to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of personal property owned by the town not exceeding in aggregate value \$1,000.00 in any one calendar year, without prior authorization of a town meeting.

Article 18. Voted by large majority to pass over.

Article 19. Voted to pass over.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325.00 for Boxford's share in the operational expenses of the Child Guidance Center of the Mental Health Association of the North Shore.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to purchase one used grader and one used chasis.

Article 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000.00 and to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Town Farm Fund for the purpose of constructing garage facilities for the Highway Dept. and to authorize the Town Space Planning Committee, acting as a sub-committee of the Planning Board, to solicit bids, award contracts, supervise construction, authorize payments and take other action necessary for the construction of said facility.

Article 23. Voted to request the General Court to enact legislation to provide life tenure for Douglas A. Warren, incumbent of the office of Chief of Police of the Town of Boxford, but providing that he may be removed therefrom, lowered in rank or compensation, or suspended, for cause after hearing.

Article 24. Voted to pass over.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate \$900.00 for re-wiring and new lighting fixtures at the Boxford Village Library.

Article 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to be spent by the Recreation Committee for completion of one baseball field at Boy Scout Park.

Article 27. Voted to pass over.

Article 28. Voted to adjourn at 11 P.M.

A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

## BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1968

	Adopted Budget 1968
Selectmen .....	\$ 1,950.00
Board of Public Welfare .....	350.00
Assessors .....	3,300.00
Treasurer .....	1,945.00
Town Clerk .....	600.00
Accountant .....	4,000.00
Collector .....	2,000.00
Registrars .....	300.00
Elections .....	1,200.00
Town Counsel .....	1,200.00
Conservation Committee .....	50.00
Appeal Board .....	800.00
Planning Board .....	800.00
Building Inspector .....	1,000.00
Wire Inspector .....	1,000.00
Gas Inspector .....	500.00
Plumbing Inspector .....	650.00
Finance Committee .....	25.00
Recreation Committee .....	2,075.00
Board of Health .....	9,000.00
Inspector of Slaughtering .....	500.00
Inspector of Animals .....	50.00
Dog Officer .....	250.00
Police .....	38,000.00
Fire Department .....	20,375.00
Tree Warden .....	2,000.00
Moth Suppression .....	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control .....	2,000.00
Disability Assistance .....	} 16,760.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	
Old Age Assistance .....	
Medical Assistance .....	} 3,000.00
Veterans' Benefits .....	



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	Adopted Budget 1968
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Adm. ....	5,408.00
Schools — Town .....	331,629.00
Regional District School .....	509,985.06
Libraries .....	20,000.00
Selectmen's Highway Fund .....	3,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance .....	2,760.00
Snow Removal and Sanding .....	30,000.00
Street Lighting .....	900.00
Vacation Account .....	2,900.00
Sick Benefit .....	1,050.00
Town Halls .....	5,000.00
Public Grounds .....	300.00
Town Forest .....	100.00
Civil Defense .....	200.00
Insurance .....	2,753.00
Memorial Day .....	525.00
Soldiers Graves .....	225.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery .....	50.00
Harmony Cemetery .....	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery .....	150.00
The Boxford Cemetery .....	50.00
Town Reports .....	1,800.00
Clerical .....	1,500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund .....	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt and Temporary Loan ....	3,600.00
School House Notes .....	26,000.00
Community House .....	300.00
Group Hospital and Life Insurance .....	4,600.00
Water Source Survey .....	50.00

Total Budget to be raised and appropriated \$1,074,065.06

Other items to be raised and appropriated:

Article 8 .....	\$ 800.00
Article 9 .....	6,000.00
Article 11 .....	1,500.00



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Article 12 .....	2,500.00
Article 14 .....	12,000.00
Article 20 .....	325.00
Article 21 .....	4,000.00
Article 22 .....	22,000.00
Article 25 .....	900.00
Article 26 .....	7,500.00

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Total of Articles above	\$ 57,525.00
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Total to be raised and appropriated	\$1,131,590.06
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## TRANSFERS

Article 3 .....	\$ 4,500.00
Article 4 .....	20,000.00
Article 10 .....	37,375.00
Article 22 .....	20,000.00

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Total Transfers	\$81,875.00
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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 1968**

The voters of Boxford held a special town meeting at the Masconomet Regional School on February 26, 1968 at 8 P.M. William J. Greenler, Jr., the Moderator, called on Rev. Arthur White to open the meeting with a prayer. The articles of the warrant were handled as follows:

Article 1. Voted to approve the \$2,750,000.00 debt authorized by the Regional School Committee of the Masconomet Regional School District on Feb. 10, 1968 for constructing and equipping an addition or additions to the district school. The vote was taken by secret ballot with check lists used and resulted in 241 "yes," 212 "no" votes.

Article 2. Voted to adjourn at 11:30 P.M.

A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 19, 1968**

The voters of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional District School on March 19, 1968, with 450 attending the meeting. After a prayer by Rev. Arthur White, William J. Greenler, Jr., opened the business meeting. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept Curtis Road as a public way.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,780.06 to resurface sections of Woodcrest Road and King George Drive, said sum to be transferred from funds received from the State under Chapter 679, Acts of 1965.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$502.50 received as state aid for libraries for the use of the town libraries.

Article 4. Voted to transfer from the Engine #6 Repairs Account the sum of \$200.00 for the City of Haverhill lockup, \$500.00 for repairs on the ambulance and \$1,040.30 to the Excess and Deficiency Fund.

Article 5. Voted to approve the \$2,750,000.00 debt authorized by the Regional District School Committee on March 2, 1968, for constructing and equipping an addition or additions to the district school. The vote was 288 Yes, 157 No, by secret ballot.

Article 6. Voted to adjourn at 10:00 P.M.

A true record.

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 19, 1968**

A special town meeting was held at the Harry Lee Cole School on June 19, 1968 at 8 P.M., with over 100 voters present. After a period of silent prayer, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator, and the articles of the warrant were handled as follows:

Article 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,390.02 to improve a section of Willow Road, said sum to be transferred from funds received from the State under Chapter 616, Acts of 1967.

Article 2. Voted to accept Stonecleve Road as a public way.

Article 3. Voted to abandon that portion of the public way known as Towne Road running from the property of Richard Price at the west boundary line of said Price and Ardon Farm Realty Trust, over the land of said Ardon Farm Realty Trust in a general northwesterly, westerly and southwesterly direction to the North Andover line.

Article 4. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$476,408.00 to construct an addition to the Spofford Pond School, to originally equip and furnish said addition, and to make modification within the existing Spofford Pond School; the sum to be raised as follows: \$55,000.00 to be raised and appropriated, \$142,204.00 to be raised by the sale of bonds to be matured in five (5) years, \$100,000.00 to be received from the

state as matching funds from use of Stabilization Fund, and from transfers of \$140,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund, \$13,753.00 from the Town Farm Fund, \$17,211.00 from the Overlay Reserve, and \$8,240.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,112.03 to be set aside to pay to the Masconomet Regional School District the town's proportionate share of architect's fees and/or expenses connected with the planning of an addition to the Masconomet Regional School, when and if the towns of Middleton and Topsfield make such an appropriation and payment of their proportionate share during the current year.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the use of the Town Clerk.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted to adjourn at 10 P.M.

A true record.

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 1968**

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on Nov. 20, 1968 at 8:00 P.M., with over 100 attending the meeting. After a moment of silent prayer, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator, and the articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted unanimously to appropriate \$30,113.40 for the Masconomet School District for preparing architectural and engineering plans for the construction of an addition, or additions, to the regional school, together with any re-modeling of the existing buildings, such sum to be obtained by transferring \$25,112.03 from money raised under Article 5 of the special town meeting of June 19, 1968, and by transferring \$5,001.37 from Medical Assistance.

Article 2. Voted to accept Boren Lane and MacDonald Drive as public ways.

Article 3. Voted to transfer \$3,525.00 from money appropriated under Article 21 of the March 4, 1968 annual town meeting, for the purchase of a truck and plow.

Article 4. Unanimously voted the following transfers of funds:

\$ 89.05 from Town Reports to Dog Officer.

\$ 563.67 from Interest on Loans to Treasurer.

\$ 300.00 from Interest on Loans to Insurance.

\$ 800.00 from Chapter 90 Maintenance to Selectmen's Highway Fund.

\$ 500.00 from Aid to Dependent Children to Selectmen's Highway Fund.

\$ 225.00 from Disability Assistance to Elections.

\$2,000.00 from Medical Assistance to Land Taking for Highway Purposes, to be used on Middleton Road.

Article 5. Voted to transfer \$4,198.63 from Medical Assistance, \$76.72 from Disability Assistance, and \$1,224.65 from Old Age Assistance, a total of \$5,500.00 for the purpose of providing required funds additional to those previously authorized for the construction of garage facilities for the Highway Department.

Article 6. Voted to accept the report of the Town Facilities Planning Committee as contained in the brochure entitled "A Plan for Future Town Facilities, Boxford, Massachusetts," as a general plan to be used in the development of town facilities in future years.

Article 7. Voted to adjourn at 10:00 P.M.  
A true record.

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk



**BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1968 IN BOXFORD**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>1967</b>		
Aug. 11 —	Mary Rose Carbone	John William Carbone Barbara Ann McSweeney
Oct. 9 —	Laura Ann Stewart	Donald A. Stewart Mary E. Wilsey
Oct. 19 —	Jean Elizabeth DiBiaso	Laurence DiBiaso Marion Earle
Oct. 28 —	Joy Amber Braddy	Bruce T. Braddy Shirley M. White
Nov. 8 —	David Everett Kamps	Everett Charles Kamps Alice M. Kirk
Nov. 10 —	Todd Edward Belanger	Richard Louis Belanger Marilyn A. Chouinard
Nov. 19 —	Scott Andrew Bartlett	David Brewster Bartlett Nancy Shillington
Nov. 19 —	Shelly Shelly	Robson William Shelley Sally Rogers
Nov. 22 —	Kelly Terese Perkins	Bruce Stephens Perkins Anita Louise Moreau
Dec. 8 —	Jeffrey Scott Repetto	Robert Gregory Repetto Mary Ciaramitaro
Dec. 22 —	Christopher John Drislane	Dennis James Drislane Elena Phyllis Speranza
Dec. 28 —	Daryl Bronson McKay	Hunter B. McKay Helen D. Jermyn
Dec. 30 —	Peter Michael Altherr	Heinz Helmut Altherr Waltraud Hildegart Rein
Dec. 30 —	John Dwight Hubbard	Richard J. Hubbard Victoria M. Seaman
<b>1968</b>		
Jan. 4 —	Deborah Penny Lapham	Thomas Willets Lapham Pamela Elizabeth Penny
Jan. 10 —	Stacey Elizabeth Henderson	Allen M. Henderson Janet Desjardins



Jan.	19 —	Dainnya Dawn Fairfield	Philip D. Fairfield Ruth Ann Stevens
Jan.	27 —	David Reynolds Sullivan	William H. Sullivan Margaret A. Dolan
Feb.	1 —	David Brent Williamson	Delbert Lee Williamson Barbara J. Ossian
Feb.	1 —	Scott Alan Williamson	Delbert Lee Williamson Barbara J. Ossian
Feb.	6 —	Eric John Normand	Eugene Vincent Normand Jean Rae Santin
Feb.	23 —	Davin Marie Napolitano	Henry Anthony Napolitano Marie Theresa Bucu
Feb.	26 —	Kirsten Flait Straub	William Park Straub Paulette Flait
Feb.	27 —	Gary Owen Longstreet	Donald W. Longstreet Rosemarie Steskal
Feb.	28 —	David Carl Bissell	Alfred E. Bissell Linda N. Smith
Mar.	11 —	Malcolm Stark Hill	Malcolm Turner Hill, Jr. Nancy C. Lewis
Apr.	8 —	Alyssa Proctor	J. Eugene Proctor, III Nancy E. Byrnes
Apr.	10 —	David Raymond Gavron	Raymond S. Gavron Deborah R.
Apr.	22 —	Brian Louis Giordano	Robert P. Giordano Roberta D. Browning
Apr.	25 —	Christopher Matthew Wood	George Robert Wood Jean Ann Hanagan
Apr.	28 —	John Philip Weyland	Wendell P. Weyland Marilyn P. Schickling
Apr.	29 —	Andrew Pettay Metzger	Marshall G. Metzger Janet L. Pettay
May	11 —	Anne Marie Gaudet	Richard A. Gaudet Virginia R. Flynn
May	14 —	Kurt Ashley Harris	John W. Harris, Sr. Norma Lambert

May 20 — Bart Jan Coenraads	Cornelius N. Coenraads Neisje Smit
May 21 — Thomas Christie Godwin	Lester Roy Godwin Mary Lynne Setzler
May 31 — David Charles Austin	Charles Austin Phyllis Ida Clarke
July 6 — Christopher Rudrick Otto	Rudrick George Otto Kathleen Eastman Murphy
July 15 — Matthew Richard Moran	Henry E. Moran Janet D. Weiss
July 29 — Katrinka Louise Gibson	Donald Carroll Gibson Marie Louise Maroc
Aug. 8 — Guy William Stone	William F. Stone Mary M. Quenzer
Aug. 13 — Laura Jean Trask	David Everett Trask Virginia Rae Durkee
Aug. 15 — Garrett Christian Tucker	Alan Newell Tucker Ruth Ann Evans
Aug. 26 — Lisa Jean Barry	Roger W. Barry Louise M. Mahoney
Sept. 9 — Robert Conrad Stone	Richard A. Stone Linda A. Dahlstrom
Sept. 23 — Eric Ralph Colby	Ralph Sawyer Colby Edith Coyle
Sept. 30 — Shawn Michael Perkins	Peter Cole Perkins Beverly Ann Donnelly
Oct. 2 — Brian Charles Frost	Charles D. Frost Donnamarie C. Dowling
Oct. 12 — Jennifer Glesmann	Edward F. Glesmann Jeanette Polhemus
Nov. 11 — Steven Jared Baker	James Minott Baker Phyllis Ann Boyd
Nov. 22 — Patrick Henry Winship	Mark Andrew Winship Judith Brigid McCarthy

**MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1968**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Residence</b>
<b>1967</b>		
Dec. 26 —	Robert P. Higginbotham	Attleboro
	Mary Jo McGregor	Boxford
Dec. 30 —	Douglas T. Mierzykowski	Boxford
	Janet Rita Greenler	Boxford
Dec. 30 —	Joseph Michael Maynard	Boxford
	Sandra S. Bassett	Topsfield
<b>1968</b>		
Jan. 6 —	William J. Greenler, Jr.	Boxford
	Georgia Alice Anderson	Boxford
Feb. 13 —	Eugene Francis Perry	Middleton
	Charlotte Fee Whittemore	Boxford
Feb. 18 —	Richard Skibicki	Haverhill
	Linda Bergstrom	Boxford
Feb. 24 —	Norbert E. Abraham	Boxford
	Sheila Ann Gowell	Lynn
Apr. 13 —	Almon Howard Griffin	Boxford
	Rosalind Thelma Hocter (Gould)	Middleton
June 1 —	Laurence D. Sauer	Lawrence
	Nancy Lee McPhee	Boxford
June 1 —	Walter Joseph Dabransky	Lowell
	Sandra Gianelli	Boxford
June 9 —	Foard Holden Tarbert, Jr.	Boxford
	Cheryl Gibbs Webber	Topsfield
June 14 —	Paul Riley	Boxford
	Gale Fullerton	Winthrop
June 15 —	Allan Everett Taylor	Boxford
	Pamela Jean Gray	Scituate
June 15 —	Wilbur C. Burnham	Boxford
	Ann Marie Herward	Lawrence
June 20 —	Coval Givens	Gary, Indiana
	Marilyn Brown Preston	Gary, Indiana
June 28 —	Shawn Grady Stickney	Boxford
	Pamela Scudder	Topsfield

June 29 —	Christopher P. Finkbeiner	Perrysburg, Ohio
	Pauline L. Crosby	Boxford
July 13 —	Francis Michael Aldrich	Gloversville, N.Y.
	Frances Butler	Boxford
July 13 —	Ellis Hicks Speath, Jr.	Brighton
	Susan Carol Hebert	Boxford
Aug. 7 —	Frank Latusky, Jr.	Lynn
	Gail Elene Hutchinson	Boxford
Aug. 10 —	Oliver Bradley Latham	Boxford
	Janet Marie Wagner	Brockton
Aug. 10 —	Richard K. Griffin, III	Boxford
	Ruth A. Goldthwaite	Lynnfield
Aug. 11 —	Vyrjil Dale Buus	Lennox, S. Dakota
	Barbara Anne Haywood	Boxford
Aug. 12 —	David F. Moise	Peabody
	Launa LeBlanc	Boxford
Sept. 14 —	Arthur J. Denault	Westport
	Norma W. Hoogerzeil	Boxford
Oct. 5 —	Alan Scott Blair	Georgetown
	Sandra Jean Brown	Boxford
Oct. 19 —	John T. Chadwick	Haverhill
	Eleanor T. Schumaker	Somerset
Nov. 8 —	David Frederick Benson	Boxford
	Susan J. Demars	Boxford
Nov. 30 —	Stephen Francis White	Reading
	Susan Loring	Boxford
Nov. 30 —	Philip H. Nangle	Boxford
	Jo Ellen M. Bashaw	So. Byfield
Dec. 21 —	Paul Swindell	Columbus, Georgia
	Sandra Adams	Boxford

## DEATHS RECORDED IN 1968

Date	Name	Age		
1967		Yr.	Mo.	Days
Nov. 6	— Ruth Evelyn Valley	65	2	29
Dec. 1	— Alexander A. Shaw	62	5	5
Dec. 31	— Leroy Bryer	70	5	29
1968				
Jan. 19	— Fred P. Rowe	91	—	—
Jan. 26	— Alice M. Austin (Plummer)	92	9	21
Feb. 7	— David Brent Williamson	—	—	6
May 4	— Adeline Sasso (Napolitano)	45	—	—
May 11	— Ruth Feronetti (Wilson)	77	7	19
May 22	— Patrick J. Horgan	80	8	3
May 24	— William B. Parker	72	3	18
May 24	— Kate Dovey (Clark)	80	10	4
June 6	— Herman D. Tucker	87	9	6
June 7	— Howard Jones	85	0	14
June 30	— Frances (Sias) Lyon	80	4	0
July 13	— Diane Hilda Bryant	15	10	9
Aug. 9	— Dennis A. Hennessy	76	—	—
Aug. 17	— George H. Whiting	82	10	3
Aug. 19	— Martha Mortimer (Stearns)	85	11	5
Aug. 22	— Mack Campbell	13	—	—
Aug. 25	— William M. Hobart	19	4	26
Aug. 27	— John A. Chew	58	0	1
Oct. 31	— Frederick Matchett	88	5	2

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1968**

191 Males	@ \$ 2.00	\$382.00
39 Females	@ 5.00	195.00
176 Spayed Females	@ 2.00	352.00
7 Kennels	@ 10.00	70.00
3 Kennels	@ 25.00	75.00
1 Kennel	@ 50.00	50.00
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Total Received		\$1,124.00
Fees — Town Clerk		104.25
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Remitted to Town Treasurer		\$1,019.75

**FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1968**

156 Resident Fishing Licenses	@ \$ 5.25	\$819.00
64 Resident Hunting Licenses	@ 5.25	336.00
30 Resident Sporting Licenses	@ 8.25	247.00
37 Resident Minor Fishing Licenses	@ 3.25	120.25
11 Resident Female Fishing Licenses	@ 4.25	46.75
7 Non-Resident Fishing Licenses	@ 9.75	68.25
4 Non-Resident Hunting Licenses	@ 16.25	65.00
1 Duplicate License	@ .50	.50
4 Resident Sporting (Free)		
6 Archery Stamps	@ 1.10	6.60
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Total Received		\$1,709.85
Fees — Town Clerk		77.85
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To Fish and Game Department		\$1,632.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Included with this report you will find the Table of Aggregates for 1968 and the 1968 Recapitulation Sheet. These outline many of the details of the Boxford tax assessments for the year.

A general increase of 30 per cent of all base land values was made effective in 1968, thereby reflecting in our land assessments the general increase in the value of land in the Town of Boxford has become apparent from sales values in the last two years.

The Board of Assessors will take this opportunity to announce their plans for a complete revaluation of all buildings and improvements. It is expected that the field work will already have been started by the time the Town Report is distributed. Hopefully, the new values will be available for use in the computation of the 1969 tax rate.

A new approach to values, namely, the "replacement cost" method will be used in conjunction with our present method which relates to market values. The replacement cost method places emphasis on current cost of building each unit with unit depreciation being considered as well. This approach has been made popular in recent years by professional mass appraising companies which perform revaluations for municipal tax purposes. As in the past, all work in connection with the revaluation will be done by the Boxford Assessors. We have included only a slight increase in our budget for clerical assistance, form and postage this year. We feel that we can do an adequate job without spending the many thousands of dollars that other neighboring communities are spending for revaluation.

Because of the vast amount of details involved, the Assessors are requesting the wholehearted cooperation and assistance of all taxpayers. Assessment Data Forms are included at the end of this Town Report. Please complete these forms and submit them to the Assessors at the Town Hall on or before April 1, 1969.

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

of Property, and Taxes, as Assessed January 1, 1968

Number of Parcels Assessed		
Bills On Personal Estate		224
Bills On Real Estate		1,421
Bills On Farm Animal Excise		4
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Total		1,649
Value of Assessed Personal Estate		
Stock in Trade	\$9,000.00	
Machinery	1,750.00	
Live Stock (Do not include value of farm animals)	7,976.00	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	564,746.00	
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Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate		\$583,472.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land exclusive of Buildings	\$1,122,534.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land	6,829,770.00	
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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$7,952,304.00
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Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		\$8,535,776.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000 = \$112.00		
Taxes for State, County, City, Town Purposes, Including Overlay		
On Personal Estate	\$65,348.86	
On Real Estate	890,658.22	
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Total Taxes Assessed		\$956,007.08
	General	Farm Animals Assessed \$5 Excise
Number of Live Stock Assessed		
Horses (1 year old, or over)	54	1

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Neat Cattle: (1 year old, or over)		
Cows (Milch)	1	75
Yearlings: steers		15
Swine (6 months old, or over)		5
Sheep (6 months old, or over)	9	11
Fowl	122	2,930
All Other — 7 ponies; 5 beehives		
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	11,727	
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	942	

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

CHESTER K. TWISS

J. WARREN CHADWICK

HARRY L. COLE

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Town of Boxford

## 1968 RECAPITULATION

TOWN: (Total Appropriations Voted Since  
1967 Tax Rate was Fixed)

Total appropriations voted to be raised  
by taxation \$1,211,902.09

Total appropriations voted to be  
taken from available funds:

(In 1968) \$266,061.56

(In 1967 since 1967  
rate was fixed) 41,192.50

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307,254.06

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\$1,519,156.15

Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:

School Lunch Program \$4,018.54

Free Public Libraries  
(include Reg. Library) 502.50

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4,521.04

County Retirement \$10,236.93

Veteran District 171.74

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Any other amounts required  
to be raised 10,408.67

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

	1968 Estimates	Under- estimates	
County Tax	\$17,985.10	\$1,422.02	
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	\$17,985.10	\$1,422.02	\$19,407.12

## STATE: Tax and Assessments

State Recreation Areas	\$2,006.84	\$508.00
Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,738.09	
Mosquito Control Projects	\$6,268.00	\$3,512.25
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	379.65	

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	\$10,392.58	\$4,020.25	\$14,412.83
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## OVERLAY of current year

38,879.43

## GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$1,606,785.24

## Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

1968 Estimated Receipts from  
the Local Aid and Agency

Funds	\$219,435.11
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	110,000.00
Licenses	4,519.24
Fines	630.00
General Government	803.00
Health and Sanitation	292.00
Highways	105.00
School (local receipts of School Committee)	316.45
Libraries (local receipts other than State Aid)	1,499.60
Interest: On Taxes and Assess- ments \$2,400.00; On Deposit \$3,500.00	5,900.00
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise	23.70

## Total Estimated Receipts

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 \$343,524.10
Amounts voted to be taken from  
available funds

St. Aid Libraries	10/20/67	\$502.50
Ch. 679 Acts 1965	10/20/67	3,000.00

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Road Machinery	10/20/67	1,000.00
Sch. H'se Notes	10/20/67	690.00
Sch. H'se Notes	10/20/67	4,000.00
Free Cash	10/20/67	14,000.00
Town Farm	10/20/67	18,000.00
Road Machinery	3/ 4/68	4,500.00
Overlay Reserve	3/ 4/68	20,000.00
Surplus Revenue	3/ 4/68	37,375.00
Town Farm	3/ 4/68	20,000.00
Eng. #6 Repairs	3/19/68	200.00
Eng. #6 Repairs	3/19/68	500.00
St. Aid Libraries	3/19/68	502.50
Ch. 679 Acts 1965	3/19/68	3,780.06
Stabilization Fd.	6/19/68	140,000.00
Town Farm Fund	6/19/68	13,753.00
Overlay Reserve	6/19/68	17,211.00
Excess & Def.	6/19/68	8,240.00

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Total Available Funds \$307,254.06

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds 650,778.16

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**Net Amount to be Raised by  
Taxation on Property**

\$956,007.08

Total Personal Property	\$583,472.00
Valuation: Real Estate	7,952,304.00
Total	<hr/> \$8,535,776.00

Tax Rate Personal Property Tax	\$65,348.86
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\$112.00 Real Estate Tax	890,658.05
Gain	.17

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**Total Taxes Levied on Property** \$956,007.08



Items not entering into the Determination  
of the Tax Rate

Classified Forest Land

\$45.92

Total of All Other Commitments

\$45.92

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS,

CHESTER K. TWISS

J. WARREN CHADWICK

HARRY L. COLE

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

## TAXES — 1959

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$4.38	
Interest Collected	1.28	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$4.38
Interest		1.28
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	\$5.66	5.66

## TAXES — 1960

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$10.34	
Interest Collected	1.78	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$5.64
Interest		1.78
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1968		4.70
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	\$12.12	\$12.12

## TAXES — 1961

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$22.09	
Interest Collected	1.54	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$5.64
Interest		1.54
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1968		16.45
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	\$23.63	\$23.63

## TAXES — 1962

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$326.74	
Interest Collected	1.32	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$6.06
Interest		1.32
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1968		320.68
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	\$328.06	\$328.06

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## TAXES — 1963

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$59.09	
Interest Collected	1.10	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$6.06
Interest		1.10
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1968		53.03
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	\$60.19	\$60.19

## TAXES — 1964

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$346.50	
Interest Collected	1.32	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$9.00
Interest		1.32
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1968		337.50
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	\$347.82	\$347.82

## TAXES — 1965

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$1,405.04	
Interest Collected	1.12	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$573.60
Interest		1.12
Abatements:		
Motor Vehicle Excise		416.63
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1968		414.81
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	\$1,406.16	\$1,406.16

## TAXES — 1966

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$10,258.00	
Interest Collected	359.23	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$3,107.20
Personal		982.30
Farm Animal Excise		100.00

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Motor Vehicle Excise	990.98	
Interest	359.23	
Abatements:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	65.45	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1968	5,012.07	
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	\$10,617.23	\$10,617.23

## TAXES — 1967

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1968	\$52,292.05	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	5,434.00	
Real Estate Refunds	329.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	824.98	
Interest Collected	1,012.33	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$26,929.14
Personal		1,201.79
Motor Vehicle Excise		15,984.71
Farm Animal Excise		135.50
Interest		1,012.33
Transfer to Tax Title		5.64
Abatements:		
Real Estate		611.00
Personal		282.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		1,469.99
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1968		12,260.26
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	\$59,892.36	\$59,892.36

## TAXES — 1968

Real Estate Commitments	\$892,300.70
Personal Property Commitment	65,348.86
Classified Forest Land Commitment	45.92
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	124,631.91
Farm Animal Excise Commitment	260.33
Real Estate Refunds	2,426.14
Personal Property Refunds	39.20
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	3,645.08
Interest Collected	280.74

45.92  
 260.33  
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Taxes Collected:	
Real Estate	\$781,982.45
Personal Property	61,665.74
Motor Vehicle Excise	101,838.88
Classified Forest Land	33.04
Interest	280.74
Abatements:	
Real Estate	19,727.03
Personal Property	126.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	8,024.26
Transfer to Tax Title	8.74
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1968	115,292.00
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	\$1,088,978.88 \$1,088,978.88

## RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	\$812,629.17
Personal Property	63,849.83
Classified Forest Land	33.04
Farm Animal Excise	235.50
Motor Vehicle Excise	118,814.57
Interest	1,661.76
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	\$997,223.87

Respectfully submitted,  
 FREDERICK A. SMALLMAN,  
 Collector of Taxes

**BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY****REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Term expires 1969:

Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.

Mrs. Rosamond P. Gowen

Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas

Term expires 1970:

Richard P. Chadwick

Winthrop P. Haynes

Mrs. Earle O. Latham

Term expires 1971:

Mrs. Edward Dodd

John F. G. Eichorn, Jr.

Milton E. Lord

Chairman . . . . . Milton E. Lord

Vice Chairman . . . . . Mrs. Rosamond P. Gowen

Secretary . . . . . Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas

Boxford Town Librarian, Mrs. Warren W. Schaalman

The year 1968 was a period of consolidation of substantial gains in library service to Boxford. These gains had been growing pains that had been occurring in steady progression following the establishment of the publicly supported Boxford Town Library as an overall town agency in succession to the two small private library operations that had existed previously.

By the end of 1968 the pattern of library service possible with the library facilities presently available had reached a firm plateau. The 51 per cent increase in books borrowed that had occurred in 1967 sustained itself in 1968. The number of individuals borrowing books, however, increased in 1968 by 35 per cent. The resulting total of 1752 registered borrowers comes close to approaching 50 per cent of the residents of the town, which is a notably high proportion.

Even with newly expanded hours of service fully in effect in 1968, whereby each of the two libraries was open from 2 to 5 p.m. every afternoon of the week, there were periods not infrequently when one or other, or both, of the libraries would have had difficulty in absorbing more readers. The Boxford Village Library, for example, sometimes had as many as 100 individuals in its cramped quarters during a single afternoon period from 2 to 5 p.m.



This had led the Town Library Trustees to request in their budget estimates for 1969 a provision (beginning with next September 15th) for increasing the open hours of the two libraries to 2 to 6 p.m. instead of 2 to 5 p.m. as at present, and Saturdays from 10 to 5 p.m. instead of 2 to 5 p.m.

But even an extension of hours as proposed will not solve the prime difficulties in giving to Boxford the kind of library provision it deserves. The truth is that the existing physical facilities are entirely inadequate at both ends of town. This was stressed in last year's report. Now, a year later, it must be stressed again.

Accordingly the Town Library Trustees are requesting the annual town meeting of 1969 to consider a special appropriation (\$5,000.00 is suggested) to be applied to planning for improved and more adequate facilities for public library service in Boxford.

This planning money is sought to provide for (1) an overall examination of the present and potential future developments in respect to what should be an optimum library provision for Boxford, (2) the formulation of a specific program, (3) preliminary architectural study toward an architectural solution of the problem, and (4) finally, in tentative form, architectural plans to such extent as would be necessary for making application for a federal construction grant under the provisions of the Federal Library Construction Act toward the total cost of construction.

The aim is to make it possible for the Boxford Town Library to offer a type of public library activity that is at present not at all possible in the existing inadequate library quarters at the two ends of the town. The latter were not designed for the kind of modern public library activity that is a commonplace in progressive communities today.

In concluding the Town Library Trustees express warm appreciation to the Town Librarian and her staff for their devoted efforts in behalf of Boxford's library users. Likewise the Library Trustees are grateful to the Boxford School Committee and the school officials for their understanding and sup-

port in the joint initiating of the early stages of an elementary school library program at the Spofford Pond and Cole Schools. Beginning with 1969 the program is being taken over by the School Committee, with the promise of continued cooperation from the Town Library to such extent as desired or needed.

The Town Library Trustees wish to acknowledge with gratitude the friendly help and aid of many individuals and groups. The Couples Club of the First Congregational Church at Boxford Village donated once again the proceeds of its benefit "Spring Library Dance." Flowers have been donated by interested gardeners and garden groups. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dodd made an invaluable contribution toward producing a new edition of the **Book Selection Policies of the Boxford Town Library**, out-of-print for over a year, for which a continuing demand exists locally as well as from other libraries and library schools. Numerous individuals have contributed time, books, and furnishings.

To all who wish well to Boxford's libraries the Town Library Trustees express deep appreciation.

For the Town Library Trustees,  
MILTON E. LORD,  
Chairman

Gifts and bequests are always welcome and may be addressed to the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library.

**DOG OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1968**

104 dogs were reported lost.

12 dogs were disposed of that had been killed on various town roads.

21 restraining orders for bites were issued.

40 stray dogs were picked up and held the required ten days, then disposed of as follows:

12 were claimed by their owners

16 were unclaimed and sold

12 were disposed of as unfit for adoption.

Boxford residents are reminded that all dogs three months of age must be licensed by April 1, 1969.

There have been many calls for the dog officer to pick up dogs which have appeared on people's property. Homeowners are reminded that by nature many dogs are quite sociable and cannot properly be classified as lost until they have been around for 24 hours without being fed or encouraged to stay. After this period, it is reasonable to assume that the dog is lost and may be picked up as a stray.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. HUGHES

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

The Town of Boxford used \$100.00 for General Relief during the first six months of 1968.

In January, Lucinda O'Loughlin, social worker, was added to the staff, giving the Central Essex Welfare District two social workers.

The State assumed control of the costs and administration of Public Welfare on July 1, 1968.

Mrs. Dorothy Yasi, social worker, returned to college in September to prepare for a master's degree.

As of October, a social worker has been in the Town Hall on the first Friday morning of each month.

Mrs. Claire Taylor, formerly at the Groveland Welfare Office, has succeeded Mr. Maurice Medoff as Director of the Central Essex Welfare Service Office.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAIRE E. TAYLOR,  
Central Essex Welfare Service Office

### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING FOR THE YEAR 1968

EXAMINED					CONDEMNED	
Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cows	Bulls	Steers	Cows
90	85	77	4	2	1	1

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. GAMANS, JR.

SAMUEL E. LAWES

ARTHUR G. SMITH

Inspectors of Slaughtering

### REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Month	New Homes	Garage	Alterations & Additions	Miscellaneous
Jan.	2		1	1
Feb.	1		2	
Mar.	2	1	4	
April	5		5	3
May	3		3	
June	2	1	1	2
July	5		2	
Aug.	6		2	5
Sept.	2		4	2
Oct.	5	3	1	1

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Nov.	2		2	
Dec.	2			
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Total	37	5	27	14

## Total Values

New Houses .....	\$1,030,500.00
Garages .....	52,500.00
Alt. & Add. ....	98,137.00
Misc. ....	29,350.00
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	\$1,210,487.00

Respectfully submitted,  
 HENRY W. NASON,  
 Building Inspector

## REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR FOR 1968

22 permits issued .....	Article 4, section 1
10 permits issued .....	Article 4, sections 2 and 3
4 permits issued .....	Article 4, section 2
1 re-inspection .....	Article 4, section 4

Respectfully submitted,  
 GARDNER W. STARRETT,  
 Gas Inspector

## REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR FOR 1968

Permits .....	143
Inspections .....	327

## Receipts — Electrical Fees:

Jan. 1, 1968 to Dec. 31, 1968 \$1,589.50

Respectfully submitted,  
 HERBERT W. SPERRY,  
 Wire Inspector



**REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Spraying was carried out this year in town for Dutch Elm disease with the same non-toxic spray, Methogyclor, that has been used previously.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT HEBB

**REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

Clearing and trimming of trees has been carried on at both ends of Town. Fifteen large maples have been removed and replaced by new trees.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT HEBB

**REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

The Tree Warden reports that 20 elms have been removed and burned and 10 large oaks taken down.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT HEBB

**REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Forty-four plumbing permits were issued during the year. Minor changes have been made in the State plumbing code and were readily accepted by the plumbing contractors.

Respectfully submitted,  
HAROLD R. GALLOWAY



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission's primary concern, as expressed at its numerous meetings throughout the year, has been that the quality of our environment be preserved. This does not mean that it is averse to change, but that it feels that change must be in harmony with rational land use. Setting aside land for recreation, water conservation, retention of natural beauty and wildlife is as important as development for additional homesites or placement of new schools or other structures that serve community needs. Maintenance of conservancy districts in more or less their entirety is an objective that the Commission needs to re-emphasize repeatedly to developers, whose trend is always to carve out maximum numbers of house lots in a given area without attention to preservation of attractive natural features. The commission feels that the one acre of contiguous buildable land required in the two-acre minimum lot demands further clarification. It is also sincerely convinced that setting aside money for acquisition of open land can be regarded as one of the best ways of maintaining a reasonable tax rate, and that this objective should be aggressively sought and receive the support of the townspeople.

Programs that have or are engaging the attention of the Conservation Commission are as follows:

- (1) Critical appraisal of the development near Pye Brook as to maintenance of conservancy areas and non-encroachment on the Brook to avoid pollution problems. Changes from the original plan are improving the disposition of the land from these points of view. The Board of Health, their consulting Sanitary Engineer, and provisos of the Hatch Act have been helpful in implementing these changes.

- (2) Review of open lands of the town to see whether their distribution and total area are sufficient when related to further growth. A Natural Resources Survey has been requested of Mr. Morehouse of the Soil Conservation Service, who indicated it would be of far greater value now that a soil survey is completed and maps available.

(3) Attempts at purchase of two parcels of land from the Chaplin heirs, of value because of their natural features and their relation to other open lands. This has not been completed because of technicalities relating to deeds.

(4) Interest in acquisition of the Holmes property, either through the self-help program or by stimulating the Department of Natural Resources to add it to the State-owned land presently in the Phillips Wildlife Sanctuary and the Boxford State Forest, in part to compensate for the grievous loss of acreage taken by the Federal government for the Sentinel Missile site installation. Portions of the Holmes property represent fine examples of climax forest, with a mixture of large hemlock, pine and deciduous trees, these interspersed by rock outcrop or swamp, where uniquely beautiful ferns and wildflowers grow. Much of the terrain is unsuitable and difficult of development for house sites. Aid by government agencies such as B.O.R. and H.U.D., as well as conservation agencies, is being explored. Our representative, Mr. Buell, has shown much interest in this project.

(5) Cooperation with the Board of Appeals in the supervision of reconstitution of such areas as have been soil stripped on Valley Road.

(6) Bringing to the attention of developers the provisions of the Hatch Act.

(7) Attendance at meetings of conservation-oriented groups.

(8) Approval of a plan submitted by Mr. Stephens, under the provisions of the Hatch Act, for dredging a small portion of Spofford pond, to eliminate stagnant pot holes and improve mosquito control.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSAMOND P. GOWEN, Chairman

ROBSON W. SHELLEY

CHARLOTTE L. MADDOCK

EARLE O. LATHAM

CATHERINE T. THOMAS

**REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To the Citizens of Boxford:

The following is a report of the Police Department and the activities for the year 1968.

Accidents	58	Larceny of Motor Veh.	10
Ambulance Runs	65	Lewd and Lascivious	2
Arrests	61	Malicious Damage	50
Assault and Battery	7	Minors Transporting	
Assault w/Intent		Alcoholic Beverages	11
to Rape	1	Missing Persons/	
Attempted Murder	1	Runaways Located	27
Car Fires	4	Motorists Assisted	78
Complaints and		Pistol Permits	48
Investigations	612	Police Assistance	93
Court Appearances	98	(other depts.)	
Defective Equipment	220	Property Checks	2,010
Drownings	3	Stolen Bicycles	8
Drug Arrests	13	Stolen Bicycles	
Fire Calls	50	Recovered	3
Gun. Reg. Applications	285	Stolen Cars	2
Hit and Run	1	Stolen Cars Recovered	10
Housebreaks	30	Summons Served	116
Attempted	7	Telephone Calls on	
Camp	9	Blue-Line	3,766
School	2	(May-Dec. 1968)	
Larceny-Check,			
Property	25		

The above police report is only a partial list of the work carried out by your local police department. As in previous years many unclassified activities, investigations and complaints are satisfactorily settled to all concerned.

The continued growth in crime and lawlessness each year greatly increases police work and is a concern not only to law officers but to the general public as well. In many cases the criminal himself is overprotected by liberal laws and the police officer is the one who is "handcuffed."

During 1968 this department had its share of time consuming investigations which often left minor complaints without sufficient attention. An increase in arrests found our officers spending many hours in court.

This year we experienced more serious crimes including attempted murder, assault and battery and various sex offenses. Each of these cases were solved after many hours of investigation. Housebreaks continue to plague us. Criminals find this "occupation" very lucrative. We were able to apprehend several of these individuals.

The using and selling of drugs and marihuanna became more of a problem. A number of young people were apprehended. Some appeared in court. LSD was confiscated. Drugs, etc. have a lasting effect, both mentally and physically. It is a serious matter.

As in the past, the dept. appreciates information about any person or persons acting suspiciously or doing damage to property, etc. A registration number is extremely helpful. Promptness is important. Your name will be held in strict confidence.

Residents are asked to notify the dept. when leaving for an extended period of time. Neighbors should also be alerted to absences and asked to check property. Suspicious phone calls should be reported immediately.

In 1968 Charles N. Love became the Town's third full-time officer. He was also appointed school safety officer. Robert Woodbury was appointed a part-time officer. Officer Paul Genest resigned as an active part-time officer and Mrs. D. Woodward Walker resigned as policewoman due to their full-time occupations. The dept. is grateful for their services in the past.

Law enforcement training was held at the police station during 1968. A number of the officers enrolled in a special "Medical Care in Emergencies" course sponsored by the Northeast Hospital Council and also took part in the first aid course held at the West Boxford fire station. Officer Charles Love attended a seminar sponsored by the Dept. of Justice with ref-



erence to federal funds for police programs. He also attended Safety Officers meetings. Sgt. Richard Pratt attended an accredited six week course in law enforcement held at Salem State College. Officer Harold Sederquest and myself attended North Shore Community College. I also attended Northeastern University, the North Shore Drug Seminar held in Danvers, and the Law Enforcement Seminar in Lynn sponsored by Northeastern.

Many thanks go to one of our residents, who wishes to remain anonymous, who made it possible for us to receive a training program, including projector, films, training materials, etc. sponsored by the International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police. We are also grateful to Mr. Earle Blake for the donation of an air conditioner and to Officer James Stromberg and family for a refrigerator, both for use in the station.

I wish to thank the personnel of my dept., the townspeople, the Selectmen, the various town depts., the State Police and the police from surrounding communities for their cooperation and assistance during the year.

For the information of new residents, the Police Dept. number is 887-2712. This is also the Emergency Blue Line Network of four telephones.

Respectfully submitted,  
DOUGLAS A. WARREN,  
Chief of Police

### REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board acted upon and approved six new subdivision applications during the year, involving 170 new lots. Also approved was one request for the rescinding of a previously approved subdivision, involving 4 lots.

As of the end of the year three additional plans were under consideration, for which public hearings were held — involving 36 lots.

The Board held fifteen meetings during the year — at least one in each month, reflecting the increasing level of subdivision activity in the town.

The Board participated in discussions with interested citizens regarding arrangements for the preservation of forest trails and riding paths that are affected by new subdivisions.

Five reports were submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals in regard to applications to that Board for special permits or variances.

The Board made recommendations to the Zoning Enforcement Committee regarding the latter's proposal for a zoning change that would allow appeals directly to the Board of Appeals for decision if the Building Inspector failed to act upon a claimed violation of the By-Law.

The Planning Board stated:

"In the long run, the most effective solution to a problem involving the unwillingness or inability of the Building Inspector to make decisions regarding alleged violations would, in our view, be to employ someone who could do so. To continually circumvent such a problem, by referring such decisions to the Board of Appeals would be inadvisable on several counts: the Building Inspector would continue not to do a job he is paid to do; the unpaid Board of Appeals would no longer be a board of appeal, but of original decision; the resultant confusion would cumulate and the people would not be well served in the process.

For these general reasons we are not, at this point, convinced of the wisdom of changing the By-Law to establish the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal for a decision in such a case. We tend, rather, in the direction that the required power to control such a problem is already available in the hands of the Board of Selectmen (as in IX, A, 1, Par. 3) and should be used, if necessary.

In this same connection, it might be your feeling that a 'tightening up' would be accomplished by adding to Section IX a new subsection reading to the following general effect:

'Any person may make a complaint to the Building Inspector that a provision of the By-Law is being violated. Such complaint shall be in writing and shall clearly specify the alleged violations. Within 21 days



of receipt, the Building Inspector shall render a decision in writing to the person making the complaint stating whether there is or is not a violation.'

This would clearly define the Building Inspector's responsibility. It would offer a specific and demonstrable basis of complaint to the Board of Selectmen if the Building Inspector does not do his duty in this regard."

At the Town Meeting in November the Town Facilities Planning Committee, a special sub-committee of the Planning Board, presented its report in the form of general plans for the town facilities that will be needed in the future years.

In addition to presenting general plans for two future buildings — one for the police and fire departments, the other for town offices — the report recommended the town owned property at the Ipswich-Spofford Road intersection as the site for ultimate construction of new facilities. The Committee's report as contained in the brochure presented was accepted by the Town at that meeting.

This Committee also completed arrangements for the construction of a new Highway Department garage facility. Construction commenced in December. Completion of this structure is expected by Spring of 1969.

Members of the Board express in behalf of the entire Town the deep appreciation we all feel for the two decades of service by Charles L. Cotton on Boxford's Planning Board. Serving most of that time as Chairmana, Mr. Cotton made a significant contribution of leadership, establishing an effective basis for the guidance of Boxford's growth. We are all most grateful for this outstanding public service.

DAVID L. PITT, Chairman  
CRAIG E. FALK, Clerk  
J. WARREN CHADWICK  
E. LAURENCE COLBY  
WILLIAM E. DORMAN  
THOMAS B. GREENMAN  
CHARLES P. A. NELSON

**REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

The following services were performed by this Department during 1968:

Discharge (certified copy)	8
Discharge (recorded)	22
Photostats	375
Education	28
Loan Guaranty	14
Statement of disability for real estate tax abatement	15
Annual Income Report	105
Compensation	11
Pension	19
Burial Allowance	17
Headstone	14
Medical & Dental	38
Hospitalization	17
Outpatient Treatment	7
Insurance	15
Power of Attorney	45
Vietnam Bonus Applications	275

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

District Director

**NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE**

	<b>N. Andover</b>	<b>Boxford</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance Carried Over from 1967	\$11.26	\$3.71	\$14.97
Appropriated in 1968, Section II			
Chapter 660, Acts of 1963	1,088.26	171.74	1,260.00
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	\$1,099.52	\$175.45	\$1,274.97

Expended to December 31, 1968	1,090.59	172.11	1,262.70
Balance, December 31, 1968	\$8.93	\$3.34	\$12.27
(A) Basis of Apportionment Chapter 660, Acts of 1963. An Act establishing the basis for apportionment of State and County Taxes.			
North Andover	\$26,718.00	.8637 per cent	
Boxford	4,216.00	.1363 per cent	

JAMES J. MAKER, Treasurer  
District Department of Veterans Services

### EXPENSES

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	\$1,200.00
New England Telephone (Services)	53.70
Veterans Information (G. Spilman, Director)	9.00
Total	\$1,262.70

### REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Boxford Fire Department submits the following report for 1968.

#### Total Runs Made

Buildings	8	Car Accidents	14
Brush	17	False	6
Ambulance	4	Electrical and Heating	
Grass	19	Appliances	9
Dump	4	Mutual Aid	3
Car Fires	5	Drowning	3
Chimney	2	Miscellaneous	15
Cellar Pumping	67		

Following the March Town Meeting, the ambulance was transferred to the Police Department, consequently reducing the runs of this nature. The Spring and Fall training programs were continued this year with twenty-two men receiving

training certificates. The program of spraying Christmas trees was continued and work in the area of fire prevention has progressed very well.

Written permits for outdoor fires other than in approved incinerators are required and permits may be obtained through the red-line operators. They have again done an excellent job for the department this year and I wish to commend these operators:

Mrs. Robert P. Parkhurst  
Ipswich Road  
Mrs. Peter Perkins  
Main Street

Mrs. George A. Gould  
Topsfield Road  
Mrs. C. Richard Cunningham  
Ipswich Road

I also wish to thank the men and officers for their excellent work this year. The community is fortunate in having individuals of such a high caliber dedicated to providing fire protection.

As this community continues to grow, various areas of the Fire Department will require expansion and I would like to call your attention to these needs at this time. Growth will reflect in the areas of personnel, housing, equipment and communications. The need for full-time personnel is just around the corner, as this community has a minimum of its population employed locally. The initial step will require two men, adding from that point as the need arises.

With the future addition of a station at the Spofford Pond site, the town should be adequately provided for as far as quantity is concerned. Attention will be required to the West Boxford station within a short time and it may be deemed advisable to replace this building rather than attempt to restore it. At present, the heating system is inefficient, the roof needs attention, the building needs painting and one of the walls leans at somewhat of a peculiar angle.

The department has a long range projection of apparatus repair and replacement which was started in 1964 and is periodically updated. With the building of an additional station, it will be necessary to add apparatus. The annual budget provides for the addition of smaller equipment and as methods and

equipment improve in the fire service, we endeavor to keep abreast of the changes.

The addition of communications equipment is desirable to eventually have a system capable of receiving alarms automatically from the schools and public buildings and ultimately from control points in business and densely populated areas.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. KILLAM,

Chief of Fire Department

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION**

The Recreation Commission is most happy to announce the completion of a regulation size baseball field at the Boy Scout Park, complete with backstop. The field will be ready for use in the Spring of 1969.

Mr. Edmund Mead's resignation from this committee was accepted reluctantly, and Mr. William Abbott was appointed to fill out his term of office.

The Fourth of July celebration was under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert Borden. The affair was considered a huge success, with many Town groups and individuals lending their support.

During this past year, the Recreation Committee has met with the Finance Committee, the Fourth of July Chairman, and members of the Boxford Athletic Association. This committee would like to sponsor more meetings with other Town groups with similar interests in an effort to effect better Town communications.

SHIRLEY L. MacGILL, Chairman

WILLIAM ABBOTT, JR.

LUCILLE GETZ

JOHN HUDSON

GORDON PRICE



### REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE

During the past year various meetings were attended at the State level concerning Civil Defense. Communications tests were held with Sector Headquarters. This office also participated in the Federal Civil Defense exercises held this year.

The cooperation of town officials and department heads is greatly appreciated.

GORDON A. RUSSELL,  
Director

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

We on the Board will use this space in part to thank some of the people who have worked with us this year.

Mr. Alerson Noyes continues to do an exemplary job in maintaining an open burning dump. Occasionally careless disposal of huge tree stumps in unauthorized areas has necessitated the use of heavy equipment. New this year are "Boxford" stickers affixed to the rear window of cars using the dump.

Mrs. Jane Dustin, Public Health Nurse, has completed the State-financed survey of all infants and two-year olds in 1967, and 29 newborns in 1968. In addition she was invited to teach a first aid course to Girl Scouts, and she talked to several of the local groups in town.

Mrs. Betty Hunter and Mrs. Dustin put on a free immunization clinic last March 23rd and gave out 92 doses of State supplied vaccines and boosters. On May first, Dr. Buell Bassette held a rabies clinic at the Town Hall and inoculated some 125 dogs.

Communicable diseases reported during the year were as follows:

Chicken pox .....	23
Animal bites .....	5
Mumps .....	3
Tuberculosis .....	1
Viral meningitis .....	1



Procedures for all percolation tests were changed this year, requiring tests by professional engineers or registered sanitarians be performed in the presence of the representative of the approving authorities as outlined in Regulation 14 of the State Sanitary Code. Forty-four tests were performed under this procedure, of which 8 proposed house lots were found to be unsatisfactory for the disposal of septic sewage by sub-surface methods. In projecting community requirements, an area for the disposal of night soil (septic tank sludge) was assigned and prepared for immediate use as necessary.

Planned inspectional service programs have been implemented and are incorporated in the BTW Health District Report.

In accordance with votes taken at the annual town meetings of Boxford, Topsfield, and Wenham in March of 1968, the Boards of Health of these communities met on March 25th to establish a health district under Section 27A of Chapter 111 of the General Laws. On July 2, 1968 a meeting of a joint committee was held and Mr. John R. Romanski, Registered Sanitarian, was appointed as Director of Public Health for the district, effective July 29, 1968. Excerpts from Mr. Romanski's annual report, and the District's annual financial statement follow.

Board of Health

CHARLES H. PINKHAM, II

Chairman

HARRY L. COLE

UNA K. BAKEWELL

#### Excerpts from

#### Report of the Boxford-Topsfield-Wenham District Health Office

The following members were elected as officers and members of the executive committee:

Chairman — Gilbert L. Steward, Jr., (Topsfield)

Secretary — Una K. Bakewell (Boxford)

Executive Committee Member — Joseph F. Robbins (Wenham)

Treasurer — Francis F. Perry (Boxford) Ex officio member

On August 20, 1968, by-laws for the BTW Health District were adopted for the purpose of promoting a higher standard of public health in the district area by group effort.

An environmental sanitation inspectional program was instituted, including bacterial and chemical analysis as required, for minimum standards of fitness for human habitation, housing and sanitation standards for farm labor camps, sanitation standards for recreational camps for children, minimum standards for swimming pools, sanitation standards for food service establishments, including bakeries, retail food stores and home delivery of dairy products and enforcing all requirements for the disposal of sanitary sewage in unsewered areas.

Current plans contemplate the adoption of standards for installing private water supply wells, testing of all proposed house lots in a subdivision prior to the approval of a definitive plan and consideration for establishing a regional solid waste disposal facility (regional sanitary landfill), including a collection service for garbage and refuse within the three towns.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. ROMANSKI, R.S.,

Director of Public Health

### **Treasurer's Report — B-T-W District Health Office**

AUGUST 20, 1968 — DECEMBER 31, 1968

#### **RECEIPTS:**

##### **Assessments — Member Towns:**

Boxford (40%)	\$2,400.00
Topsfield (40%)	2,400.00
Wenham (20%)	1,200.00

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\$6,000.00

Interest Income — Savings Deposit	17.52
Comm. of Mass. — Employer Comp. —	
St. Withholding Tax	2.66

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**Total** \$6,020.18

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries	\$4,499.98	
Automobile Mileage	414.00	
Telephone	19.80	
Printing and Stationery	34.20	
Laboratory Analysis	48.65	
Treasurer's Bond Premium	16.00	
Legal Services	161.65	
Equipment Purchases	271.75	
Clerical Supplies	140.77	
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		\$5,626.80
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CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1968		\$393.38

Submitted,

FRANCIS F. PERRY,  
Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Since our last report, the well driven on the Town Forest property in West Boxford has proved to be of acceptable quality to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This, with the well now owned by the Town in East Boxford, almost concludes the work necessary at this time by the committee.

We wish to report to the Town, however, this notation from the test contractor's report to us:

"Potable and productive well sites have been located in each of the areas which may become water districts. We feel, however, that an additional site should be located in West Boxford if possible, due to the volume fire insurance companies recommend for municipal systems."

Although the committee does not feel this is urgently required at this time, we will be ready to proceed with further developing at the direction of the Town.

In planning for tying together the past year's work, the committee has asked this year for funds sufficient to cover the cost of the necessary mapping required by the State. This mapping will determine the extent, if any, of the easements required to properly protect each well site for future development as a source for a municipal water system.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. CHENEY, Chairman

PATRICIA A. BAILLY

BUELL BASSETTE

DONALD SCUTIERE

CLAYTON NELSON

### REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The year 1968 was a very busy one for the Selectmen of Boxford as the rapid growth of the town was reflected in many added responsibilities for the Board.

In January, St. Mary's Church in Georgetown installed a new pastor, Rev. Richard Marks. Since a considerable number of our residents are parishioners of this church, we were pleased to be included in the list of guests, which totalled 200 or more people.

Later in the month, a welfare audit was conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare.

On February 1st we kept track of the calls going through our office and ran up a total of 56 calls for that Thursday.

The yearly town reports for 1967 were received on February 24th and the Boy Scouts started immediate distribution.

On February 26th, a special Town Meeting on the Masconomet bond issue was held at Masconomet Regional High School with approximately 500 people attending. The meeting lasted four hours.

Very heavy rains during the week of March 8th caused the flooding of many callers and other household discomforts as well as damage to highways and bridges. We are indebted to our volunteer firemen for the many hours spent in pumping out cellars for the town's residents.

On April 1st we established the fact that Brook Road, up to the circle in front of the former Gemmell house is a public way according to the records in Salem.

The Town was represented on April 1st at the first and also at subsequent hearings relative to the establishment of a School of Nursing at Essex County Vocational and Technical Institute.

The final graduation of the dancing class which has been held in the Town Hall for many years was on May 1st. The classes will not be resumed.

On the 24th of May, Open House was held for the new golf course, "Far Corners Farm" in West Boxford. On May 29th a visit was made to the Winchester Golf Club to investi-



gate and observe the workings and appearance of a golf club which is run under a so-called "club" liquor license.

A Nike site hearing was attended on May 28th at the North Andover High School. A meeting with twenty residents of Towne Road was held on June 7th, relative to this Nike site. This site is in North Andover, about ½ mile from the Ardon Farm development in Boxford.

Our American Legion Post No. 379 is very loyal to us and on Memorial Day each year presents a very appropriate service in each end of the Town.

A very successful Firemen's auction was held on June 8 at the home of Thomas E. Cargill, Sr.

On June 9th we were pleased to be among the hundreds of guests who gathered for the 70th birthday observation of Mr. Milton E. Lord, Main street, Chairman of the Town Library Trustees.

On June 15th, the Selectmen attended citation services at the Stadium in South Lawrence for James Melvin, the first Vietnam casualty for this town.

Early in July, the bridge on Mill Road sustained serious damage, necessitating two new steel I beams, strengthening the stone abutments with concrete and replanking the entire bridge at a cost of \$932.67. In September, a three-inch coat of hot-top was applied on Route 133, starting at the Boxford-Georgetown line and running westerly approximately 2,500 feet, at a cost of \$3,128.63. On December 18th, we were gratified to receive from the County a clearance on our Chapter 90 construction program for 1968. This had been more or less under litigation through hearings with various abutting landowners, both singly and jointly. Several public hearings in Salem were also held during the summer and fall. The landtakings for this project are as follows:

Limone, Louis J. and Elizabeth B., 350 sq. ft.	\$ 17.60
Robinson, Luther S. and Louise M., 1,456 sq. ft.	80.08
Abbott Forbes, Ltd., Inc. 23,152 sq. ft.	1,273.36



Richardson, Benjamin, Hazen and Anne, Trustees of Richardson Trust, 60,756 sq. ft.	2,500.00
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	\$3,871.04

A very elaborate parade with bands, horses and floats was held on July 4th, followed by an afternoon of sports and games on the grounds of the Cole School.

Mr. John Romanski, our new Sanitary Engineer, began his duties on July 29th, taking the place of Tracy I. Flag, who worked faithfully for the Town for many years.

In August the cabinet containing the standard weights and measures was given to the Boxford Historical Society and was moved from the Town Hall to the Holyoke-French house, due to the fact that the Bureau of Weights and Measures has been consolidated and appointment of a Town sealer of weights and measures is no longer required.

Bids on the new highway department building, to be built on town land off Spofford Road, were received in August.

The sum of \$300,000.00 was borrowed on August 23rd, the note to mature in November.

On September 20th, tests were recorded on the Abruzese lots for presentation to the Planning Board.

The ball field at the Boy Scout Park off Topsfield Road was nearing completion late in September after two years of disappointments.

On October 5th a meeting was held with the Georgetown Selectmen regarding the Briggs subdivision, which is partially in Georgetown and partially in Boxford.

Gas heat was installed in the Town Hall in October. The hall is also undergoing some alterations on the first floor.

In November, Lincoln Hall was leased several times by Margaret Carey of Andover for the purpose of holding religious meetings.

On December 12th all members of the Board attended a symposium at Vallee's Steak House in Braintree by invitation of the New England Electric Company. This symposium included city and town officials from the entire Eastern Seaboard, resulting in an attendance of several hundred.

Late in the fall, the Georgetown Sand and Gravel Company started work on re-grading, loaming and planting the sand and gravel lot off Willow Road (State Route 133) and on December 14th the work was completed to the satisfaction of all Town boards involved.

Toward the end of the year the Haverhill Gas Company extended service from the junction of Elm Street and Topsfield Road, westerly on Main Street to Town Road, Hollow Tree, Stonecleve and Middleton Roads, a total distance of approximately  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

We acknowledge with thanks the Christmas decorations for both the inside and outside of the Town Hall received from The Boxford Community Store, Highlands Nursery, Donald E. Curran, Inc., and all others who came bearing gifts.

Respectfully submitted,  
HARRY L. COLE, Chairman  
JOHN EVANS  
CLAYTON B. LARRABEE  
Board of Selectmen

### REPORT OF TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

No cutting or road work was carried out on the Town Forest during 1968, in part because of lack of help, and so no sums were expended.

Many of the old stake and stone boundary markers have disappeared or are in very poor repair and the Committee plans to clear boundary lines and replace markers where needed during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
WALTER S. MORSS, Chairman  
ROBERT B. PARKHURST  
WINTHROP P. HAYNES

## **THE ESSEX COUNTY, REVERE, WINTHROP, NORTH READING MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

Three and one-half years have passed since the organization of the Essex County Mosquito Control Project in July of 1965. The Project staff of four has now grown to eleven persons employed on a year-round basis. During the summer of 1968, six additional temporary laborers were employed to assist in the spraying program. The number of communities enrolled in the district has increased from 19 in 1965 to 23 in 1968. Fourteen communities in Essex County have yet to join.

The annual spring brood of mosquitoes which emerged in late May was in general a heavy one. Once again as in 1967, above average rainfall during the month of June greatly hindered the spraying and fogging operations. The hot and dry weather of July rapidly dried up the more shallow mosquito breeding sites and permitted an uninterrupted spraying schedule. Precipitation for the month of August was also below normal.

The net result of a regularly scheduled spray program coupled with a welcome assist from Mother Nature was a marked decrease in the mosquito population in the district. The treatment of approximately 1,600 acres of mosquito breeding sites during the prehatch and larviciding program of the late winter and early spring was effective in reducing the early season mosquito nuisance in many areas. The permanent work accomplished on the coastal salt marshes during the past two years is beginning to produce noticeable results. Reduction of the fresh water mosquito breeding sites through clearing and dredging of neglected brooks and streams will not be as dramatic because of the involvement with brush and stump removal requiring many hours of manual labor preparatory to use of power equipment.

The elimination of the sites suitable for mosquito production will bring a proportionate reduction in the need of pesticide use, indeed an attractive goal. The realization of the goal will be delayed as long as 14 communities in Essex County do

not act to join the district and involve themselves in a truly regional effort.

### **Work Accomplished in Boxford — 1968**

Winter pre hatch or ice dusting for larval control — 23 acres\*

Spring larviciding with Abate — 67 acres \*

Days during the summer when Project equipment sprayed or fogged to control adult mosquitoes:

June 3, 4, 11, 18, 25

July 2, 10, 16, 23

August 6, 13, 20, 27

\* In order to determine how effective the winter pre hatch and spring larviciding program could be in reducing the annual spring brook crop of mosquitoes in a rural town, the Project crews treated a total of 90 acres of fresh water breeding sites in Boxford during the late winter and early spring. The result was a marked decrease in the mosquito nuisance as compared to the previous year.

ROBERT W. SPENCER,  
Superintendent  
PETER BEDROSIAN

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT****RECEIPTS FOR 1968**

Frederick A. Smallman, Collector

Taxes, current year:

Real Estate \$781,982.45

Personal Property 61,665.74

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\$843,648.19

Taxes, previous years:

Real Estate \$30,646.72

Personal Property 2,184.09

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\$32,830.81

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1966 \$990.98

Levy of 1967 15,984.71

Levy of 1968 101,838.88

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\$118,814.57

Classified Forest Land:

Levy of 1968 \$33.04

Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1966 \$100.00

Levy of 1967 135.50

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\$235.50

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

For Highways:

Chapter 90 Construction \$6,631.25

Chapter 616 3,390.02

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\$10,021.27

For Education:

Chapter 70, School Aid \$94,451.99

Chapters 69 and 71, Special Education 1,256.00

Federal Grants — Title III 390.63

Federal Grants — Title I 2,194.00



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School construction	100,000.00
School Building Assistance	2,845.47
School Construction Grant	24,781.92
Transportation	21,845.96
Division of Child Guardianship	1,277.79
State Aid to Libraries	502.50

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 \$249,546.26

## For Taxes, etc:

State Tax Basis	\$47,806.03
Loss of Taxes	2,063.02
Meal Tax	583.25
Anti-Trust Recovery	7.72
School Lunch Program	9,604.15

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 \$60,064.17

## For Aid and Relief:

Old Age Assistance	\$1,378.15
Old Age Assistance, U.S. Grant	1,965.00
Aid to Families, Dependent Children	787.59
Aid to Families, Dependent Children, U.S. Grant	1,166.00
Disability Assistance	480.99
Disability Assistance, U.S. Grant	1,100.00
Medical Assistance	7,267.19
Medical Assistance, U.S. Grant	11,374.72
General Relief	7.00
Veterans' Services	1,376.70

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 \$26,903.34

## County of Essex:

Chapter 90, Construction	\$4,193.22
Dog License Refund	734.80
Dog Board Refund	360.00

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 \$5,288.02

## Trust and Investment Funds:

Town Farm Fund	\$33,753.00
Stabilization Fund	140,000.00
J. T. Barker Fund	1,300.00
Interest on School Funds	221.29
S. P. Perley Fund	100.00
East Parish Library	158.84
West Parish Library	136.29

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\$175,669.42

## Departmental Accounts:

Library	\$3,379.65
Board of Health	271.00
Planning Board	1,068.40
Appeal Board	90.00
School	333.63
Police	18.00
School Lunch Program	22,642.02
Highway	302.50

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\$28,105.20

## Licenses and Permits:

Dog	\$1,006.75
Slaughter	25.00
Building and Sewerage	1,689.00
Electrical	1,589.50
Plumbing	531.50
Gas	226.00
Septic System Installers	130.00
Junk	7.00
Revolver	78.00
Milk	4.50
Ice Cream	5.00
Camp	4.00
Lord's Day	.50
Oleo	.50

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\$5,297.25

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## Unclassified:

Interest on Deposits	\$10,683.42
Interest on Taxes	1,661.76
Rent of Town Halls	426.00
Rent of Community House	180.00
Land Rent	10.00
Slaughter Inspection Refund	329.88
Court Fines	600.00
Sale of Dogs	48.00
Street Lists and Maps	66.88
Pay Station Commission	25.09
Old Age Assistance Lien	17,946.93
Central Essex Welfare Admin., refund	874.01
American Legion — Memorial Day	99.14
Departmental Refunds	887.11
Insurance Refunds	531.49
Regional Vocational School refund	59.93
School Construction Loan	142,204.00
Revenue Loan	300,000.00
Miscellaneous	187.10
Overlay Reserve	17,211.00
Excess and Deficiency	8,240.00

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 \$502,271.73

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

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 \$2,058,728.78

## Agency Accounts:

Federal Withholding Tax	\$51,325.82
State Withholding Tax	9,605.17
Teachers' Retirement	11,226.38
County Retirement	5,261.20
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,049.22
Life Insurance	243.60
Tax Sheltered Annuity	1,875.00
Pioneer (Mass.) Federal Credit Union	150.00
B.T.A. Dues	83.34
U.S. Bonds	150.00

**EXPENDITURES FOR 1968****GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Selectmen	\$1,946.07
Board of Public Welfare	250.00
Assessors	3,213.52
Treasurer	2,340.68
Town Clerk	852.50
Accountant	3,994.01
Collector	2,010.00
Registrars	297.01
Water & Drainage Committee —	
1967 Account	7,898.98
Elections	1,366.45
Town Counsel	1,200.00
Water Source Survey — 1966 Account	606.52
Water Commission — 1967 Account	250.00
Conservation Committee — 1967 Account	500.00
Conservation Fund — 1967 Account	3,298.00
Conservation Fund	1,500.00
Conservation Committee	35.00
Planning Board Space Study —	
1967 Account	4,783.79
Planning Board	467.65
Appeal Board	175.07
Building Inspector	1,000.00
Wire Inspector	1,000.00
Gas Inspector	544.00
Plumbing Inspector	531.00
Finance Committee	20.00
Recreational Planning — 1967 Account	540.30
Recreation Committee	1,001.53
Recreation Committee — 1967 Account	285.00
Board of Health	7,204.75
Inspector of Slaughtering	409.51
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Baseball Field — 1966 Account	2,442.00
Ball Field — Boy Scout Park	7,498.00

## Back Stop for Base Ball Field —

1968 Account	495.00
Child Guidance Center	325.00

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 \$60,331.34
**Protection of Persons and Property**

Dog Officer	\$499.00
Police	42,434.85
Police — 1967 Account	380.49
Ambulance Repairs	488.96
Fire Department	19,321.15
Tree Warden	1,950.40
Moth Suppression	1,396.50
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,900.00
Fire Dept. Engine No. 6 Repairs	357.20
Central Communications System	890.96
Haverhill Lockup	200.00

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 \$69,819.51
**Aid and Relief**

Public Welfare	\$100.00
Disability Assistance, U.S. Grant	1,784.80
Old Age Assistance	1,775.35
Old Age Assistance — U.S. Grant	2,951.01
Aid to Dependent Children — U.S. Grant	2,095.45
Medical Assistance — U.S. Grant	19,780.30
Veterans' Benefits	3,235.90
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Admin.	1,084.68
Sarah P. Perley Fund	100.00

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 \$32,907.48
**Schools and Libraries**

School Department	\$342,161.56
School Account, U.S. P.L. No. 874	2,018.05
School Account — Title I	3,761.68
School Lunch Program	31,188.70



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Spofford Pond School Addition	163,237.56
New Elementary School	27.21
Regional District School	509,985.06
School Building Comm. — 1962 Account	429.48
School Building Comm. — 1967 Account	18,000.00
Library Service	22,838.08
Boxford Village Library —	
Electrical Work	895.00
East Parish Library Funds	158.84
West Parish Library Funds	136.29
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	\$1,094,837.51

**Highways**

Highway Fund — Chapter 616	\$3,262.63
Highway Fund — Chapter 679	3,780.06
Chapter 81 — Maintenance	21,371.75
Chapter 90 — Construction 1967 Account	5,987.20
Chapter 90 — Construction	4,740.65
Highway Equipment	3,860.93
Land Taking	3,871.04
Highways & Bridges	4,300.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	27,595.50
Road Machinery Maintenance	4,500.00
Boren Lane	279.63
Trask Road — 1967 Account	100.00
Street Lighting	834.15
Vacation Account	2,053.50
Sick Benefit	352.50
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\$86,889.54

**Unclassified**

Town Halls	\$2,590.68
Public Grounds	28.03
Insurance	2,984.06
Memorial Day	525.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	150.00

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Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00	
Mr. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Clerical	1,469.02	
Community House	116.55	
Essex County Mosquito Control	6,084.29	
Excise Tax Bills	379.65	
Town Reports	1,710.95	
Civil Defense	121.60	
Selectmens' Contingent Fund	1,231.34	
Veterans' Service District	171.74	
State Parks & Reservations	2,311.86	
County Tax	17,889.70	
County Retirement System	10,236.93	
State Audit	1,738.09	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	4,470.06	
Real Estate Tax Refunds	2,755.14	
Dog Licenses to County	1,006.75	
Sale of Dogs Refunded to County	48.00	
Personal Property Tax Refunds	39.20	
"Old" Town Cemetery	50.00	
Principal on Maturing Debt	26,000.00	
Interest on Loans	2,736.33	
Temporary Loan	300,000.00	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	14,078.49	
Group Life and Hospital Insurance	4,415.94	
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		\$405,764.40
	<b>Transfers</b>	
Overlay Reserve	\$17,211.00	
Excess & Deficiency	8,240.00	
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		\$25,451.00
<b>TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS</b>		<hr/>
		\$1,776,000.79

**Agency Accounts**

Tax Sheltered Annuity	\$1,900.00
Life Insurance	245.92
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,095.10
Federal Withholding Tax	51,325.82
Essex County Retirement	5,261.20
State Withholding Tax	9,536.14
U.S. Bonds	150.00
B.T.A. Dues	83.34
Credit Union	150.00
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	10,731.49

**BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1968

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS****ASSETS**

Cash: General		\$683,581.62
Library Petty Cash Advance		25.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1960		
Real Estate		4.70
Levy of 1961		
Real Estate		16.45
Levy of 1962		
Real Estate	\$17.68	
Personal Property	303.00	
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Levy of 1963		
Real Estate	\$22.73	
Personal Property	30.30	
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Levy of 1964		
Real Estate	\$326.25	
Personal Property	11.25	
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Levy of 1965		
Real Estate	\$113.20	
Personal Property	158.88	
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Levy of 1966		
Real Estate	\$1,920.80	
Personal Property	49.35	
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Levy of 1967		
Real Estate	\$8,527.00	
Personal Property	1,182.05	
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Levy of 1968		
Real Estate	\$93,008.62	
Personal Property	3,596.32	
	<hr/>	\$96,604.94
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1965	\$142.73	
Levy of 1966	3,043.92	
Levy of 1967	2,551.21	
Levy of 1968	18,413.85	
	<hr/>	\$24,151.71
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1968		\$260.33
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1968		12.88
Departmental:		
Disability Assistance	\$13.53	
Medical Assistance	175.64	
Snow Removal	434.25	
	<hr/>	\$623.42
Tax Title		80.70
State & County Aid to Highways		36,975.00
Underestimates:		
State Parks & Reservations		305.02
Agency Accounts:		
Blue Cross	\$36.00	
Life Insurance	1.08	
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		\$855,341.34

## DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$172,204.00
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## TRUST FUNDS — CASH ON DEPOSIT

Trust Funds, Cash & Securities	\$144,085.09
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**LIABILITIES**

## Reserve until collected:

Tax Title Revenue	\$80.70
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	24,151.71
Departmental Revenue	623.42
Special Assessment Revenue	273.21
State & County Aid to Highway Revenue	36,975.00
Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	25.00

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 \$62,129.04

## Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1960	\$4.70
Levy of 1961	16.45
Levy of 1962	320.68
Levy of 1963	53.03
Levy of 1964	337.50
Levy of 1965	272.08
Levy of 1966	1,970.15
Levy of 1967	9,709.05
Levy of 1968	19,026.37

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 \$31,710.01

## Overlay Surplus Reserve

49,646.46

## Excess and Deficiency

238,471.40

## Appropriation Accounts:

Assessors' Maps	\$8,553.87
Goodwin Plans	100.00
Treasurer	167.99
Recreation Committee	650.00
Police	1,265.15
Central Communications System	257.64
Fire Truck	12,000.00
Dry Hydrants and Water Holes	160.00
Police Cruiser	2,500.00
Land Taking for Highway Purposes —	
1966 Account	499.46
Chapter 90 Construction —	
Middleton Road	19,228.35

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Chapter 616 Highway Fund — Willow		
Road	127.39	
Highway Equipment — Truck	139.07	
Town Garage	47,500.00	
Masconomet School District	30,113.40	
Spofford Pond School Addition	313,170.44	
Library Service	829.57	
Town Halls	2,409.32	
Morse House 1964 Account	44.77	
North Bennett Street Industrial		
School Land — 1968 Account	300.00	
Civil Defense	78.40	
Planning Board Space Study	216.21	
	<hr/>	\$440,311.03
U.S. Grants		
Disability Assistance	\$150.00	
Medical Assistance	5,042.60	
School Aid — Title I	1,480.42	
School Aid — Public Law #874	4,049.31	
School Aid — Public Law #864	1,729.18	
	<hr/>	\$12,451.51
School Lunch Program	\$5,691.46	
J. T. Barker Fund	11,390.00	
	<hr/>	\$17,081.46
Road Machinery Fund	\$2,503.80	
Library Gifts	466.74	
	<hr/>	\$2,970.54
Agency Accounts:		
Teachers Retirement	\$494.89	
Tax Sheltered Annuity	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$569.89
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		\$855,341.34

## DEBT ACCOUNT

School Loans	\$172,204.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Stabilization Fund	\$109,056.04	
Town Farm Fund	1,309.77	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,658.44	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,324.12	
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	442.01	
East Parish Library Fund	3,682.41	
West Parish Library Fund	3,156.42	
Mary Stacy Holmes Library Fund	2,192.53	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,613.63	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Assn. Fund	1,550.18	
Town School Fund	4,500.00	
Conservation Fund	8,599.54	
	<hr/>	\$144,085.09

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## DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1968

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## Selectmen

Appropriation		\$1,950.00
Salaries, Selectmen	\$1,500.00	
Clerical	383.50	
Office Expense	8.57	
State & County Association Dues	54.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,946.07	
Balance to Revenue	3.93	
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	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00

## Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		\$350.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	\$240.00	
Association Dues	10.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$250.00	
Balance to Revenue	100.00	
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	\$350.00	\$350.00

## Board of Assessors

Appropriation		\$3,300.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	\$2,500.00	
Clerical	367.50	
Abstracts	151.74	
Office Supplies	164.28	
State & County Association Dues	30.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$3,213.52	
Balance to Revenue	86.48	
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	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00

**Treasurer**

Appropriation		\$1,945.00
Transfer from Interest on Loans		563.67
Salary, Treasurers	\$1,650.00	
Bond	121.00	
Office Supplies	378.83	
Clerical	69.25	
Postage	121.60	
Total Expenditures	\$2,340.68	
Balance to 1969	167.99	
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	\$2,508.67	\$2,508.67

**Town Clerk**

Appropriations		\$800.00
Transfer from reserve		52.50
Services, Town Clerk	\$492.00	
Bond	10.00	
Office Expenses	350.50	
Total Expenditures	\$852.50	\$852.50

**Collector**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Refund		10.00
Salary, Collector	\$1,200.00	
Bonds	204.00	
Office Expense	606.00	
Total Expenditures	\$2,010.00	\$2,010.00

**Accountant**

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Salary, Accountant	\$3,000.00	
Office Expense	376.24	
Clerical	617.77	
Total Expenditures	\$3,994.01	



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Balance to Revenue	5.99	
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	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
<b>Town Counsel</b>		
Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Salary, Town Counsel	\$1,200.00	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<b>Finance Committee</b>		
Appropriation		\$25.00
Association Dues	\$20.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$20.00	
Balance to Revenue	5.00	
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	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Registrars</b>		
Appropriation		\$300.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	\$194.25	
Clerical	42.00	
Office Supplies	60.76	
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Total Expenditures	\$297.01	
Balance to Revenue	2.99	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Elections</b>		
Appropriations		\$1,425.00
Service, Town Clerk	\$87.50	
Election Officers	815.65	
Printing	420.00	
Equipment	43.30	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,366.45	
Balance to Revenue	58.55	
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	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00

**Appeal Board**

Appropriation		\$800.00
Advertising	\$57.00	
Office Expense	52.80	
Clerical	65.27	

Total Expenditures	\$175.07	
Balance to Revenue	624.93	

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\$800.00	\$800.00
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**Planning Board**

Appropriation		\$800.00
Advertising	\$100.50	
Recording Fees	157.40	
Equipment	209.75	

Total Expenditures	\$467.65	
Balance to Revenue	332.35	

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\$800.00	\$800.00
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**Conservation Committee**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Association Dues	\$35.00	
Balance to Revenue	15.00	

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\$50.00	\$50.00
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**Recreational Planning — 1967 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$540.30
Survey	\$540.30	

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\$540.30	\$540.30
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**Boxford Water and Drainage Committee — 1967 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$6,892.00
Transfer from Reserve		1,006.98
D. L. Maher Co.	\$7,898.98	

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\$7,898.98	\$7,898.98
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**Recreation Committee**

Appropriation		\$2,075.00
Mowing	\$806.00	
Survey	74.88	
Electricity	41.84	
Supplies	78.81	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,001.53	
Balance to Revenue	423.47	
Balance to 1969	650.00	
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	\$2,075.00	\$2,075.00

**Recreation Committee — 1967 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$360.00
Fence	\$285.00	
Balance to Revenue	75.00	
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	\$360.00	\$360.00

**Water Source Survey — 1966 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$606.52
D. L. Maher Co.	\$606.52	
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	\$606.52	\$606.52

**Central Communications — 1966 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$1,148.60
Equipment	\$890.96	
Balance to Revenue	257.64	
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	\$1,148.60	\$1,148.60

**Building Inspector**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Services, Building Inspector	\$750.00	
Office Expense	250.00	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

**Wire Inspector**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Services, Wire Inspector	\$482.21	
Office Expense	249.69	
Mileage	268.10	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

**Plumbing Inspector**

Appropriation		\$650.00
Services, Plumbing Inspector	\$531.00	
Balance to Revenue	119.00	
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	\$650.00	\$650.00

**Gas Inspector**

Appropriation		\$500.00
Transfer from Reserve		44.00
Services, Gas Inspector	\$232.00	
Office Expense	200.00	
Mileage	100.00	
Association Dues	12.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$544.00	\$544.00

**Child Guidance Center**

Appropriation		\$325.00
Mental Health Association	\$325.00	
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	\$325.00	\$325.00

**HEALTH AND SANITATION****Board of Health**

Appropriation		\$9,000.00
Refund		5.38
Salaries, Board of Health	\$400.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	585.00	
Services, Dump Caretaker	2,230.00	

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Maintenance of Dump	1,186.50	
Supplies	99.07	
Milk & Water Tests	5.00	
Nurses	128.35	
Office Supplies	3.68	
Telephone	161.15	
Association Dues	6.00	
B.T.W. Health District	2,400.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$7,204.75	
Balance to Revenue	1,800.63	
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	\$9,005.38	\$9,005.38
<b>Inspectors of Slaughtering</b>		
Appropriation		\$500.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	\$409.51	
Balance to Revenue	90.49	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Inspector of Animals</b>		
Appropriation		\$50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	\$50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

<b>Dog Officer</b>		
Appropriation		\$250.00
County of Essex Refunds		360.00
Transfer from Town Reports		89.05
Salary, Dog Officer	\$100.00	
Board and Disposal of Stray Dogs	399.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$499.00	
Balance to Revenue	200.05	
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	\$699.05	\$699.05

**Police 1967 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$400.00
Texaco	\$380.49	
Balance to Revenue	19.51	
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	\$400.00	\$400.00

**Police**

Appropriation		\$38,000.00
Transfers from Reserve		5,700.00
Labor	\$9,197.52	
Salaries	18,336.00	
Blue Line Operators	4,420.00	
Insurance	1,209.34	
Telephone	882.26	
Repairs	920.54	
Gasoline & Oil	3,505.92	
Supplies	184.30	
Mileage	136.20	
Fuel	148.91	
Office Expense	562.13	
Electricity	226.76	
Uniforms	803.50	
Dues	44.00	
Rent	900.00	
Equipment	310.44	
Communications	511.88	
Training	135.15	
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Total Expenditures	\$42,434.85	
Balance to Revenue	1,265.15	
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	\$43,700.00	\$43,700.00

**Fire**

Appropriation		\$20,375.00
Salaries	\$1,800.00	
Red Line Operators	2,350.00	
Labor	5,017.82	
Equipment	2,591.95	



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Repairs	841.16	
Telephones	1,358.46	
Fuel	707.24	
Insurance	2,004.12	
Station Maintenance	43.08	
Communications	1,064.27	
Electricity	421.98	
Supplies	602.63	
Gasoline & Oil	357.65	
Boots, Helmets, Coats, Etc.	73.29	
Training	32.50	
Office Expense	55.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$19,321.15	
Balance to Revenue	1,053.85	
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	\$20,375.00	\$20,375.00

**Engine 6 Repairs**

Balance from 1967		\$2,097.50
Engine 6 Repairs	\$357.20	
Transferred to City of Haverhill Lockup	200.00	
Transferred to Ambulance Repairs	500.00	
Transferred to E. & D.	1,040.30	
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	\$2,097.50	\$2,097.50

**Tree Warden**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Labor	\$534.40	
Trucks	424.00	
Power Saw	232.00	
Chipper	288.00	
Contract	472.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,950.40	
Balance to Revenue	49.60	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Moth Suppression**

Appropriation		\$1,400.00
Contract	\$1,396.50	
Balance to Revenue	3.50	
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	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
<b>Dutch Elm Disease Control</b>		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Labor	\$250.000	
Power Saw	130.00	
Trucks	240.00	
Contract Work	1,280.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,900.000	
Balance to Revenue	100.00	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**CHARITIES, AID AND VETERAN'S BENEFITS****Public Welfare**

Appropriation		\$1,560.00
Cash	\$100.00	
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Total Expenditure	\$100.00	
Balance to Revenue	1,460.00	
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	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00

**Old Age Assistance**

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Cash	\$1,775.35	
Balance transferred to Highway Garage	1,224.65	
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

**Old Age Assistance — U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1967		\$1,013.26
Federal Grants		1,965.00
Refund		144.21

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Cash	\$2,951.01	
Balance to Medical Assistance	171.46	
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	\$3,122.47	\$3,122.47

**Aid to Dependent Children**

Appropriation		\$500.00
Transferred to Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$500.00	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

**Aid to Dependent Children — U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1967		\$5,006.12
Federal Grants		1,166.00
Refunds		662.20
Cash	\$2,095.45	
Transferred to Medical Aid	4,738.87	
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	\$6,834.32	\$6,834.32

**Disability Assistance**

Appropriation		\$500.00
Transfers	\$301.72	
Balance to Revenue	198.28	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

**Medical Assistance — U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1967		\$6,599.35
Federal Grant		11,373.42
Refunds		20.30
Transfers		6,829.83
Cash	\$19,780.30	
Balance to 1969	5,042.60	
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	\$24,822.90	\$24,822.90

**Disability Assistance — U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1967		\$2,754.30
Federal Grants		1,100.00

Cash	\$1,784.80	
Transfer to Medical Assistance	1,919.50	
Balance to 1969	150.00	
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	\$3,854.30	\$3,854.30
<b>Medical Assistance</b>		
Appropriation		\$11,200.00
Transfer to Masconomet	\$5,001.37	
Transfer to Land Taking	2,000.00	
Transfer to Garage	4,198.63	
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	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00
<b>Central Essex Welfare District Administration</b>		
Appropriation		\$5,408.00
Welfare District Expense	\$1,084.68	
Balance to Revenue	4,323.32	
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	\$5,408.00	\$5,408.00
<b>Veteran's Benefits</b>		
Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		240.00
Cash	\$3,235.90	
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Total Expenditures	\$3,235.90	
Balance to Revenue	4.10	
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	\$3,240.00	\$3,240.00

## HIGHWAYS

**Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund**

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Transfers from Chapter 90 Maintenance		800.00
Transfer from Aid to Dependent Children		500.00
Labor	\$1,091.50	
Trucks	198.00	
Sand & Gravel	987.89	
Site Preparation — Garage	112.00	

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Patch	250.91	
Traffic Lines	172.00	
Signs	219.80	
Loader	96.00	
Supplies	154.76	
Drains	12.00	
Telephone	72.47	
Mill Road Bridge Repairs	932.67	
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	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00
<b>Chapter 616 Highway — Willow Road</b>		
State Allotment		\$3,390.02
Truck	\$24.00	
Loader	32.00	
Labor	78.00	
Hot Top	3,128.63	
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Total Expenditures	\$3,262.63	
Balance to 1969	127.39	
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	\$3,390.02	\$3,390.02
<b>Chapter 679 — Acts of 1965</b>		
State Allotment		\$3,780.06
Labor	\$169.48	
Trucks	9.00	
Hot Top	3,601.58	
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	\$3,780.06	\$3,780.06
<b>Highway Equipment</b>		
Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Chassis	\$475.00	
Truck	3,385.93	
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Total Expenditures	\$3,860.93	
Balance to 1969	139.07	
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	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

**Chapter 81 — Maintenance**

Appropriation		\$2,760.00
State Allotment		18,975.00
Labor	\$9,918.75	
Trucks	3,196.99	
Loader	536.00	
Grader	290.00	
Sand & Gravel	1,514.01	
Oil	3,784.27	
Patch	1,990.44	
Posts	36.00	
Tools	95.29	
Use of Town Tools	363.25	
Salt	10.00	
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	\$21,735.00	\$21,735.00

**Chapter 90 Construction — Middleton Road**

State Allotment		\$18,000.00
Appropriation		6,000.00
Labor	\$1,600.25	
Trucks	594.00	
Bulldozer	285.00	
Loader	404.00	
Grader	422.71	
Supplies	28.16	
Bounds	78.00	
Oil	919.69	
Grass Seed	17.00	
Sand & Gravel	391.84	
Use of Town Tools	31.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$4,771.65	
Balance to 1969	19,228.35	
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	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00

**Trask Road**

Deposit		\$100.00
Labor	\$49.00	



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Roller	15.00	
Trucks	36.00	
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	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Chapter 90 Construction — Middleton Road — 1967</b>		
Balance from 1967		\$5,987.20
Labor	\$1,439.50	
Trucks	684.00	
Bulldozer	1,305.00	
Loader	496.00	
Gravel	1,998.91	
Grader	54.79	
Supplies	9.00	
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	\$5,987.20	\$5,987.20
<b>Snow Removal and Sanding</b>		
Appropriation		\$30,000.00
Labor	\$9,033.25	
Trucks	2,489.50	
Trucks & Plows	4,517.75	
Grader	208.00	
Loaders	1,365.50	
Sand	1,984.65	
Salt	7,603.31	
Use of Town Tools	2,404.50	
Backhoe	40.00	
Blades	187.04	
Tractor	166.50	
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	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
<b>Road Machinery Maintenance</b>		
Transfers from Machinery Fund		\$4,500.00
Labor	\$66.00	
Equipment	447.72	
Repairs	2,172.49	
Gas & Oil	739.98	
Insurance	341.65	
Fuel	267.39	

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Sand	20.40	
Supplies	318.56	
Telephone	42.29	
Electricity	19.18	
Registry Fees & Sticker	19.00	
Rainsuits	45.34	
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	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

**Boren Lane**

Deposit		\$300.00
Loader	\$16.00	
Truck	48.00	
Hot Top	215.63	
Use of Town Tools	20.37	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Land Taking for Highway Purposes — 1966 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$2,370.50
Transfer from Medical Assistance		2,000.00
Land Purchase	\$3,871.04	
Balance to 1969	499.46	
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	\$4,370.50	\$4,370.50

**Street Lighting**

Appropriations		\$900.00
Street Lights	\$834.15	
Balance to Revenue	65.85	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

**Sick Benefit**

Appropriations		\$1,050.00
Pay Rolls	\$352.50	
Balance to Revenue	697.50	
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	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00

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## Highway Vacation Account

Appropriation		\$2,900.00
Vacation Payrolls	\$2,053.50	
Balance to Revenue	846.50	
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	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

## All Schools

Appropriations		\$331,629.00
Transferred from Reserve		10,532.56
Principals Salaries	\$14,540.91	
Teachers Salaries	197,510.79	
Clerical	5,099.31	
Supplies & Expenses	537.46	
Superintendent:		
Salary	6,341.88	
Clerical	4,203.90	
Expense	655.62	
Health:		
Nurse	2,167.86	
Physician	500.00	
Supplies & Expense	137.89	
Tuition	1,260.48	
Transportation	33,446.84	
Miscellaneous:		
Custodial Services	16,852.14	
Attendance Officer	10.00	
Committee Expense	509.30	
Books	4,920.80	
Supplies	9,812.72	
Fuel	4,851.30	
Electricity	4,415.29	
Telephones	608.52	
Repairs	3,870.00	
Census	200.00	
Supervisors' Expense	522.90	

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Insurance	4,552.38
Custodial Supplies & Materials	1,732.03
Maintenance	6,368.00
Guidance	5,060.19
Library	3,424.14
Civic Activities	427.40
Equipment	3,194.26
Rubbish Collection	197.65
Workshop & Conference	378.60
Food Services	3,851.00

	<u>\$342,161.56</u>	<u>\$342,161.56</u>
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## School Building Committee 1967

Balance from 1967		\$18,000.00
Stoner Associates	\$18,000.00	
	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>

## School Building Committee — 1962 Account

Balance from 1967		\$429.48
Advertising	\$107.40	
Postage	25.00	
Architect	35.08	
Thomas Todd Co.	262.00	
	<u>\$429.48</u>	<u>\$429.48</u>

## School Lunch Program

Balance from 1967		\$4,631.14
Cash		24,334.62
State Grants		7,914.40
Salaries	\$11,925.33	
Food	17,098.05	
Equipment	971.86	
Gas	704.30	
Supplies	27.52	

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Repairs	346.64	
Transportation	115.00	
Total Expenditures	\$31,188.70	
Balance to 1969	5,691.46	
	\$36,880.16	\$36,880.16

**School Aid — Title I**

Balance from 1967		\$3,048.10
Federal Grant		2,194.00
Teacher Coaches	\$3,429.32	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	332.36	
Balance to 1969	1,480.42	
	\$5,242.10	\$5,242.10

**New Elementary School**

Balance from 1965		\$27.21
Architect	\$27.21	
	\$27.21	\$27.21

**Regional District School**

Appropriation		\$509,985.06
Masconomet Regional District School	\$509,985.06	
	\$509,985.06	\$509,985.06

**Spofford Pond School Addition**

Appropriation		\$55,000.00
Transfers		39,204.00
Stabilization Fund		140,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		100,000.00
School Loan		142,204.00
Architect	\$9,765.73	
Contractor	146,314.25	
Furniture	6,555.05	

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Plan Photostats	569.74	
Expense	32.79	
Total Expenditures	\$163,237.56	
Balance to 1969	313,170.44	
	\$476,408.00	\$476,408.00

**School Aid — P.L. No. 874**

Balance from 1967		\$6,067.36
Books	\$506.08	
Grounds	700.00	
Plumbing	566.47	
Expense	217.50	
Curtains	28.00	
Total Expenditures	\$2,018.05	
Balance to 1969	4,049.31	
	\$6,067.36	\$6,067.36

**Library Service**

Appropriation		\$20,000.00
Dog Refund		734.80
State Aid		502.50
Refund		155.90
Transfer from Reserve		2,261.75
Payrolls	\$15,614.10	
Association Dues	134.00	
Books	3,002.04	
Insurance	355.60	
Grounds	15.00	
Telephone	243.13	
Repairs	150.28	
Supplies	848.77	
Electricity	315.56	
Magazines	140.25	
Janitor	618.40	
Equipment	617.70	
Fuel	746.21	



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Rent	4.00	
Mileage	33.04	
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Total Expenditures	\$22,838.08	
Balance to 1969	816.87	
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	\$23,654.95	\$23,654.95

**Boxford Village Library Electrical Work**

Appropriation		\$900.00
Electrical Work	\$895.00	
Balance to Revenue	5.00	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

## UNCLASSIFIED

**Town Halls**

Appropriation		\$5,000.00
Janitors	\$573.39	
Fuel	537.58	
Light	269.02	
Telephone	298.56	
Repairs	139.44	
Supplies	28.58	
Refuse Collection	14.30	
Renovations	729.81	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,590.68	
Balance to 1969	2,409.32	
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	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

**Public Grounds**

Appropriation		\$3.00.00
Mowing Commons	\$28.03	
Balance to Revenue	271.97	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Soldiers Graves**

Appropriation		\$225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	\$100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Old Cemetery	25.00	
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	\$225.00	\$225.00

**Harmony Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Maintenance	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Boxford Village Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Maintenance	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Mt. Vernon Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Maintenance	\$50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**"Old" Town Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Maintenance	\$50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**Memorial Day**

Appropriation		\$525.00
American Legion Post No. 379	\$525.00	
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	\$525.00	\$525.00

**Clerical**

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Clerical	\$1,469.02	
Balance to Revenue	30.98	
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	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

<b>Community House</b>		
Appropriation		\$300.00
Electricity	\$54.05	
Repairs	62.50	
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	\$116.55	
Balance to Revenue	183.45	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Town Reports</b>		
Appropriation		\$1,800.00
Town Reports	\$1,570.95	
Fliers	65.00	
Delivery	75.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,710.95	
Transfer to Dog Officer	89.05	
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	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
<b>Civil Defense</b>		
Appropriation		\$200.00
Directors Salary	\$100.00	
Telephone	12.10	
Communication Equipment	9.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$121.60	
Balance to 1969	78.40	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Contingency Fund</b>		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Rent	\$173.26	
Note Fee	25.00	
Printing	244.50	
Law Books	76.00	
Advertising	40.00	
Salt	390.24	
Appeal Board Fee	2.00	

Office Expense	267.84	
Microfilm File	12.50	
Total Expenditures	\$1,231.34	
Balance to Revenue	768.66	
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**INSURANCE**

Appropriation		\$2,753.00
Transfer from Interest on Loans		300.00
Compensation	\$2,776.48	
Motor Vehicle Liability	188.22	
Fire, Theft & Collision	19.36	
Total Expenditures	\$2,984.06	
Balance to Revenue	68.94	
	\$3,053.00	\$3,053.00

**Baseball Field — 1966 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$2,442.00
J. Farmer	\$2,442.00	
	\$2,442.00	\$2,442.00

**Backstop for Baseball Field — 1967 Account**

Balance from 1967		\$500.00
Groveland Fence	\$495.00	
Balance to Revenue	5.00	
	\$500.00	\$500.00

**Ball Field at Boy Scout Park**

Appropriation		\$7,500.00
Ball Field Construction	\$7,498.00	
Balance to Revenue	2.00	
	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

**Interest on Loans**

Appropriation		\$3,600.00
School Loans	\$1,365.00	
Temporary Loan	1,371.33	
Transfer to Treasurer	563.67	
Transfer to Insurance	300.00	
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	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00

**Amortization of School and Temporary Loans**

Appropriation		\$26,000.00
Arlington Trust Company		300,000.00
State Street Bank & Trust	\$26,000.00	
Arlington Trust Company	300,000.00	
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	\$326,000.00	\$326,000.00

**Reserve Fund**

Appropriation from Overlay Fund		\$20,000.00
Total Transfers	\$19,837.79	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	162.21	
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	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,

Town Accountant

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**

The Town Treasurer's report of General Fund and Town Trust Fund receipts and disbursements for the year 1968 is submitted herewith. On March 6, 1968 I received the appointment as Temporary Treasurer of the Town of Boxford to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Helen Benulis, who resigned. During the year 1968 a new system of internal control for analyzing and accounting for cash receipts has been instituted. A more modern style of check was adopted and at the present time a new payroll system is in the process of being installed. The method of investing General Fund cash has been changed and during the year 1968 the town realized the sum of \$10,683.42 as a result of this—a substantial increase over past years. All of the Town Trust Funds were consolidated into fewer accounts and placed in local banks. At the present time they are producing a minimum return of 5% per annum or better. Necessary borrowing in anticipation of revenue which has been customarily done in June was delayed until late August, resulting in a lower borrowing rate and a shorter term thus saving the town a substantial amount in interest cost. As your Town Treasurer, I will continue to look for any way that can increase the efficiency of accounting for town funds placed in my custody.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS F. PERRY,

Town Treasurer

**REPORT OF GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS**

January 1, 1968 through December 31, 1968

General Fund Cash Balance — January 1, 1968	\$400,853.63
1968 General Fund Receipts	2,058,728.78
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	\$2,459,582.41
1968 General Fund Disbursements as per Treasury	
Warrants approved by the Selectmen	1,776,000.79
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General Fund Cash Balance — December 31, 1968	\$683,581.62



**REPORT OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS**  
**January 1, 1968 through December 31, 1968**

Name of Fund	Balance	1968	1968	Balance
	Jan. 1, 1968	Income	Additions	Dec. 31, 1968
Town Farm Fund	\$33,753.25	\$1,309.52	(1) \$20,000.00 (2) 13,753.00	\$1,309.77
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,398.18	260.26		5,658.44
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,303.93	120.19	(3) 100.00	2,324.12
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	420.81	21.20		442.01
East Parish Library Fund	3,500.00	341.25	(4) 158.84	3,682.41
West Parish Library Fund	3,000.00	292.71	(5) 136.29	3,156.42
Mary Stacy Holmes Library Fund	2,067.38	125.15		2,192.53
East Parish Library — Cote Fund	1,531.74	81.89		1,613.63
Boxford Visiting Nurse Fund	1,471.49	78.69		1,550.18
Town School Fund	4,504.39	216.90	(6) 221.29	4,500.00
Stabilization Fund	239,867.71	9,183.33	(7) 140,000.00	109,056.04
Conservation Fund	6,710.52	284.52	(8) \$1,604.50	8,599.54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$304,529.40</b>	<b>\$12,320.61</b>	<b>\$1,604.50</b>	<b>\$144,085.09</b>

- (1) Transfer to General Fund for new garage per Town Mtg. vote of March 4, 1968.
- (2) Transfer to Spofford Pond School Construction Account per vote of Town Mtg. of June 19, 1968.
- (3) Payment made under terms in will of Sarah H. Perley per authority of Selectmen.
- (4) Transfer to General Fund — Town Library.
- (5) Transfer to General Fund — Town Library.
- (6) Transfer to General Fund.
- (7) Transfer to Spofford Pond School Construction Account per vote of Town Mtg. of June 19, 1968.
- (8) Transfer from General Fund per vote of Town Meeting.

**REPORT OF TOWN SCHOOL FUND COMMITTEE**

The Town School Fund report for the year 1968 is submitted as follows:

Balance — January 1, 1968	\$4,504.39
1968 Interest Earned on Savings Deposits	216.90
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	\$4,721.29
Income transferred to General Fund	221.29
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Balance — December 31, 1968	\$4,500.00

During the year investment of the fund balance was consolidated by the Town Treasurer into one savings account bearing interest at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{4}\%$  per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

RICHARD P. CHADWICK

AMY G. PARKHURST

Town School Fund Committee

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Building Committee	Term expires
J. Stuart Haywood, Chairman	1971
Albert D. Wood, Vice Chairman	
	Annual, from School Committee
Wade T. Elliott, Secretary	1969
Frederick B. Monell	1970
Julius J. Sasso	1972
A. Gordon Price	Annual, from School Committee
Peter K. Race	Annual, from School Committee

The majority of our meetings, this year, were spent in planning for and overseeing the new 10-room addition to the Spofford Pond Elementary School.

After interviewing several architects, the Committee unanimously voted for the selection of George Stoner Associ-

ates. This same firm was also responsible for the architectural planning and construction of the original Spofford Pond School.

The Committee then planned, in conjunction with the Topsfield Building Committee, to go to bid on a joint basis, hopefully, to receive lower bids in the combined effort.

In this we were successful since bids came in \$3,512 less on a combined basis than those received on an individual basis.

It is interesting to note the following figures:

Estimated cost of general contract .....	\$410,000
Actual low bid on general contract .....	408,452

Construction at this time, is progressing under the supervision of the architects. The Committee has from time to time, reviewed progress and discussed construction details with the architect, George Stoner.

The new addition is expected to be in use by September, 1969.

The committee has also investigated and discussed several land areas for possible future school sites.

Since future town growth will eventually dictate the need for more school facilities, your committee must and is continuing to search for and plan on sites.

Investigation continues both from a basis of additions to existing schools as well as a complete new school unit.

We would, at this time, like to thank:

- the members of the Finance Committee who were helpful in their advice in the several meetings they attended
- the teaching staff for their suggestions during the planning stages of the new wing
- the press for their excellent coverage of our meetings
- and the special advisory assistance given at every meeting by our School Superintendent, Herbert A. Rouisse.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HAYWOOD,  
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BOXFORD  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT****SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Peter K. Race, Chairman	Term Expires 1971
James H. Heeremans, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 1969
Webster B. Brockelman	Term Expires 1970
A. Gordon Price	Term Expires 1969
Albert D. Wood	Term Expires 1970

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Herbert A. Rouisse

**School Committee Operation**

The committee held a total of 20 regular meetings and 3 special meetings during 1968. Meetings have been held in the Library of the Cole School and the Library of the Spofford Pond School. Regular meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:45 p.m. The first meeting of the month is held at the Cole School and the second meeting is held at the Spofford Pond School. Meetings are open and the public is invited to attend. Executive sessions have seldom been held and then only in matters requiring privacy and consistent with the open meeting statute. There has been frequent press coverage and full accounts of committee actions have been reported in the local newspapers. Notices of special meetings or changes in dates are posted in the Town Hall.

School Committee representation on other groups follows: A. Price, P. Race, and A. Wood served on the School Building Committee; W. Brockelman, J. Heeremans, and P. Race were members of the Union Joint Committee; W. Brockelman and A. Wood were members of the Considerations for Future Development Sub Committee.

**Financial**

Accelerating inflation, collective bargaining, enrollment increases, and added educational services are factors which have contributed to a very substantial increase in budget for the 1969 fiscal year.



The rate of increase in the consumer price index has recently reached the highest level since the Korean War. The thrust of collective bargaining, operating not only locally but throughout Massachusetts and many other states, is forcing a complete reappraisal of the teacher salary structure. The outlook is further indicated by the recent filing of legislation by the Massachusetts Teachers' Association for a \$7,500 minimum salary to replace the \$5,750 minimum which became effective only in September, 1968. The average pupil enrollment for Grades 1-6 has risen steadily from 540 in 1966, to 595 in 1967, and to 648 in 1968. It is hopefully estimated that the average 1969 enrollment for Grades 1-6 will increase only slightly to 659, and to 691 including the estimated kindergarten enrollment for the period from September through December, 1969. However, much of the cost for last year's growth is reflected in the 1969 budget. Added educational services which are reflected in the 1969 Budget include a tutoring program for perceptually handicapped pupils on a shared basis with the Topsfield Elementary Schools, a second supervising principal, and the establishment of a public school kindergarten program in September, 1969.

Changes in the major accounts are noted below:

Account	Approp. 1968	Budget 1969	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
Administration	\$ 11,797	\$ 13,043	\$ 1,246	10.56%
Instruction	229,027	296,654	67,627	29.52%
Other School Service	47,208	47,612	404	0.86%
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	33,975	39,563	5,588	16.44%
Fixed Charges	4,600	7,022	2,422	52.65%
Community Services	300	300	0	0.00%
Acquisition of				Decrease
Fixed Assets	2,580	2,410	-170	6.58%
Programs with Other Communities	2,142	2,142	0	0.00%
Total	\$331,629	\$408,746	\$ 77,117	23.25%



The great bulk of the total increase is found in the **Instruction Account**, which is responsible for \$67,627 of the total increase. Most of this increase for instruction is occasioned by additional personnel added in September, 1968 or planned for September, 1969 and by higher salaries. These factors are further detailed as follows:

1. The impact for a full year of salary increases, effective in September, 1968.
2. The impact for a full year of normal salary increments, effective in September, 1968.
3. The impact for the period of September-December, 1969 of salary increases granted to be effective in September, 1969.
4. The impact for the period of September-December, 1969 of normal salary increments effective in September, 1969.
5. The impact for a full year of three teaching positions and a second principalship added in September, 1968.
6. The impact for the period of September-December, 1969 for two kindergarten teaching positions to be added in September, 1969.
7. The impact for a full year of a tutor for perceptually handicapped pupils added in September, 1968.
8. A further apparent increase was brought about by the change from a 24-payment plan for teachers to a 26-payment plan. This, in effect, lowered the 1968 Budget by deferring the payment of a greater proportion of the annual salary to the 1969 fiscal year.

1968 Budget, expenditures for 1968, and the 1969 Budget are shown in detail below.

	Budget 1968	Expendi- tures 1968	Budget 1969
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
School Committee			
Salary of Clerk	\$ 300.00	\$ 242.20	\$ 300.00
Other Expenses	280.00	267.10	280.00
Superintendent's Office			
Salary	6,322.00	6,341.88	7,014.00
Salaries, Secretarial	3,890.00	4,203.90	4,385.00

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Census	200.00	200.00	200.00
Supplies and Materials	390.00	389.77	440.00
Other	75.00	19.02	75.00
Travel-in-state	258.00	222.13	265.00
Travel-out-of-state	82.00	11.20	84.00
	<u>\$ 11,797.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,897.20</u>	<u>\$ 13,043.00</u>

## INSTRUCTION

Supervision			
Rinehart Handwriting	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00
Principals			
Salaries	13,842.00	14,540.91	22,159.00
Salaries, Secretarial	5,540.00	5,099.31	5,901.00
Supplies	250.00	287.27	250.00
Other Expense	225.00	288.90	225.00
Teaching			
Salaries, Regular	174,476.00	183,345.51	217,039.00
Salaries, Special	14,968.00	15,273.77	22,330.00
Salaries, Substitute	3,114.00	4,571.20	4,000.00
Salaries, Home Tutoring	375.00	48.00	375.00
Supplies and Materials			
General	3,886.00	4,075.26	5,059.00
Consumable Instruction			
Materials	2,552.00	2,753.17	4,006.00
Physical Education	350.00	203.22	350.00
Music	120.00		120.00
Remedial Reading	200.00	24.42	200.00
Workshop and Conference Expense	200.00	378.60	925.00
Textbook Program			
Basic and Supplemental	2,784.00	4,658.32	5,345.00
Remedial Reading	100.00		100.00
Music Texts	175.00	315.39	175.00
Library Services			
Consultant and Clerical	2,987.00	3,471.89	4,318.00
Supplies and Materials	300.00	132.50	300.00
Audio-Visual Program			
Supplies and Materials	500.00	1,092.26	1,100.00

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Guidance Services			
Supplies and Materials	600.00	551.82	660.00
Psychological Services			
Salary, Tester	500.00	690.00	675.00
Educational Television			
Supplies and Materials	483.00	482.25	492.00
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	\$229,027.00	\$242,733.97	\$296,654.00

## OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance			
Attendance Officer	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
School Adjustment			
Counselor	3,754.00	3,878.42	4,094.00
Psychiatric Consultant	150.00	32.15	
Other Expenses —			
SAC Travel	70.00	41.80	50.00
Health Services			
Nurse	2,123.00	2,167.86	2,890.00
Physician	500.00	500.00	520.00
Supplies and Materials	50.00	59.73	50.00
Other Expense —			
Travel Nurse	60.00	34.90	60.00
Pupil Transportation			
Contracted Services			
Regular	33,359.00	32,475.00	33,050.00
Special Class	1,440.00	443.04	960.00
Educational Trips	600.00	209.15	980.00
Vocational	772.00	84.60	524.00
Food Services	4,320.00	3,851.00	4,424.00
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	\$ 47,208.00	\$ 43,787.65	\$ 47,612.00

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Operation of Plant			
Custodial Services	\$ 16,610.00	\$ 16,852.14	\$ 20,263.00
Supplies and Materials	2,320.00	1,989.99	2,320.00
Heating Buildings			
Oil	5,725.00	4,852.30	6,050.00

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## Utility Services

Light and Power	4,240.00	4,543.82	4,800.00
Telephones — Schools	450.00	496.42	550.00
Telephones — Admin.	135.00	112.10	135.00

## Maintenance of Plant

## Maintenance of Grounds

Care of Grounds	500.00	1,010.02	500.00
Waste Removal	650.00	217.60	650.00
Other (Rep.-Equip.)	50.00	23.95	50.00

## Maintenance of Buildings

## Repairs and Upkeep

Specific	2,350.00	3,470.47	3,300.00
Emergency	700.00	351.80	700.00

## Maintenance of Equipment

Schools, Specific	130.00	147.15	130.00
Schools, Emergency	100.00	78.70	100.00
Administrative Office	15.00		15.00

	<u>\$ 33,975.00</u>	<u>\$ 34,146.46</u>	<u>\$ 39,563.00</u>
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## FIXED CHARGES

Insurance Program	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,552.38	\$ 7,022.00
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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Civic Activities

## Reimbursable Janitor

Salaries	300.00	427.40	300.00
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## ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

## Acquisition of Equipment

Schools	\$ 1,855.00	\$ 2,183.70	\$ 1,025.00
Library (new/add.)	650.00	950.84	1,310.00

## Replacement of Equipment

Schools, Emergency	50.00	22.93	50.00
Administrative Office	25.00		25.00

	<u>\$ 2,580.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,157.47</u>	<u>\$ 2,410.00</u>
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## PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition, Elementary	\$ 540.00	\$ 378.55	\$ 960.00
Tuition, Vocational	1,527.00	1,009.68	1,032.00
Tuition, Adult Education	75.00	70.80	150.00
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	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 1,459.03	\$ 2,142.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$331,629.00	\$342,161.56	\$408,746.00
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	\$342,161.56		

\* Transfer of \$10,532.56 from available Town funds to cover deficit resulting from adjustment of salary payments from the 1969 Budget to the 1968 Budget.

Comments on other significant changes which may require explanation follow:

1. The increase of \$725 in the **Workshop and Conference Expense Account** reflects mainly provision for a teacher to do curriculum development work during the summer in conjunction with a Topsfield staff member.
2. The increase of \$1,331 in the **Library Services Account** results from the further expansion of the library program. The amount budgeted provides for a Principal Library Assistant and for a part time library clerical position in each school.
3. The increase of \$767 in the **Nurse Account** reflects a projected increase in the Nurse's time to permit coverage throughout the entire school day.
4. The increase of \$3,653 in the **Custodial Services** results from the additional part time custodian during the current school year in connection with the use of the Morse School and the need for more custodial service with the opening of the new facilities at the Spofford Pond School in September, 1969.
5. The increase of \$950 in the **Specific Repairs and Upkeep Account** results primarily from the allocation of \$1,500



for the replacement of the corridor ceiling at the Cole School.

6. The increase of \$2,422 in the **Insurance Program Account** is the school system's share of the comprehensive Town Policy and reflects higher insurance rates, the increase in the value of the buildings through inflation and by the Spofford Pond School addition, and the increase in the total payroll.

The average pupil enrollment for 1968 was 648. Therefore, a gross per pupil cost, excluding any reimbursements, based on the appropriation of \$331,629 was \$511.77. The projected average enrollment for 1969, including the kindergarten pupils is 691 pupils. Dividing the proposed appropriation of \$408,746 by the projected average enrollment yields a gross per pupil cost of \$591.53.

### Collective Bargaining

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 763 of the Acts of 1965, the Boxford School Committee and members of the Professional Status Committee of the Boxford Teachers' Association held three bargaining sessions during the fall. Bargaining centered around two proposals of the Association calling for a higher basic salary schedule and for longevity increments for veteran teachers and the Committee proposals for a merit salary schedule.

Final agreement was reached on a new basic salary schedule as detailed below. The proposal for a merit salary schedule and for longevity increments were omitted from the final agreement.

The salary schedule for teachers, effective September 1, 1969 is as follows:

Step	B	B+15	B+30	M	M+15	M+30	Prof. Cert.
1.	6500	6700	6900	7000	7200	7400	7500
2.	6800	7000	7200	7300	7500	7700	7800
3.	7000	7200	7400	7500	7700	7900	8000
4.	7300	7500	7700	7800	8000	8200	8300
5.	7500	7700	7900	8000	8200	8400	8500



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6.	7700	7900	8100	8200	8400	8600	8700
7.	7900	8100	8300	8400	8600	8800	8900
8.	8200	8400	8600	8700	8900	9100	9200
9.	8500	8700	8900	9000	9200	9400	9500
10.	8800	9000	9200	9300	9500	9700	9800
11.	9100	9300	9500	9600	9800	10000	10100
12.	9500	9700	9900	10000	10200	10400	10500
13.				10300	10500	10700	10800

For comparison purposes, the current salary schedule appears on Page 144 of the 1967 Annual Report.

### Organization and School Facilities

The opening of the school year in September, 1968 found the two schools reorganized on a district basis in contrast with the policy of the previous four years under which the primary classes were held at the Cole School and the upper grade classes met at the Spofford Pond School. The district plan locates fifteen (15) classes in the Cole-Wood Schools and twelve (12) classes in the Spofford Pond-Morse Schools, the school of attendance determined by geographic area. A major objective in making this change was the significant improvement of the pupil transportation system, an objective which has been attained to a large degree. The mileage covered and the time spent on buses by pupils has been reduced about 50%. By staggering the hours of opening and closing of the schools, it has been possible to use six of the seven buses to serve two schools. Thus, it became unnecessary to contract for an additional bus and it was possible to reduce the number of pupils on each bus to eliminate the overcrowded conditions.

At the present writing all available classrooms in all four school buildings are in use. Inadequate facilities are available for such programs as the remedial reading program, the perceptually-handicapped tutorial program, the school libraries, the school adjustment counselor, the administrative staff, and other special services.

The opening of the addition to the Spofford Pond School in September, 1969 will come at a most appropriate time to

avoid severe overcrowding and limitation of educational programs. The Spofford Pond School will provide a modern twenty (20) classroom school plant, which will serve well for many years to come. Tentative plans for the Cole-Wood School use call for the thirteen classes (13) K-6, to be located there. One room now used for a classroom will become the school library and a second room presently used for classroom purposes will be used for such purposes as the speech therapy program, the school adjustment counselor program, and for conferences. It is not planned to make use of the Morse School in the near future although it may well provide reserve classroom space again as it did in 1962-1964 and as it is currently doing this year.

September, 1969, will see the establishment of a public school kindergarten program, coincident with available additional facilities. The commitment of the parents of Boxford to the values of a kindergarten program has long been demonstrated by the fact that 70% to 80% of the first grade children had attended one of the private kindergarten programs in Boxford or in neighboring communities. These private kindergartens have made a significant contribution to the educational process for many years. However, it will now be possible to bring virtually all pupils into the first grade with a common background of experience.

It is now estimated that eighty-five (85) children will be eligible to attend the kindergarten program in September, 1969. In view of the fact that each classroom will serve two groups of children daily, two classrooms, one (1) at the Cole School and one (1) at the Spofford Pond School will serve four classes, averaging 21-22 pupils per class. The hours will be as follows:

Cole School

Morning Session	8:10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Afternoon Session	11:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Spofford Pond School

Morning Session	8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Afternoon Session	12:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

At midyear, the two groups will exchange hours.

Pupils, other than walkers, will be transported one way by the school system and one way by the parents. Morning session pupils will ride to school on the school bus and the parents will assume the responsibility for the child being transported home. Afternoon session pupils will be brought to school by parents and ride home on the school bus.

### **The Curriculum**

Continuing attention was given to the school curriculum throughout 1968. However, a variety of forces operating independently made this study and review of curriculum during the year a matter of shifting focus and uneven progress.

During the 1967-1968 school year, the Boxford, Middleton, Masconomet and Topsfield systems were engaged in a project aimed at developing a completely new system of reporting pupil progress. This project, funded by a Title III grant under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, required as a concomitant a total restructuring of the entire curriculum at all grade levels. In the spring of 1968, it was decided regretfully to terminate this project at the end of the 1967-1968 school year and not to apply for a continuing grant. This step was taken because it was felt that the project, to be carried on to a successful conclusion, would require a commitment from the local systems in time, effort, resources, and money, which was simply not available. Additionally, other pressures, such as the critical need for additional facilities at the Masconomet Regional High School and new guidelines emanating from the Massachusetts Board of Education, mandated a redirection of resources. It should, however, be noted that much gain did result from the activities carried on under the project during its year of operation. All staff members were required to examine critically the real objectives of their instructional programs. Many staff members gained valuable experience from their participation in the in-service training projects carried on. The influence of the philosophical approach developed under this project will dominate local curriculum development and revision in the next few years ahead. It is hoped that fur-



ther progress toward a restructuring of the entire curriculum in terms of specific pupil behavioral objectives will be made and with it the desired changes in our manner of reporting pupil progress.

The influence of the guidelines of the Massachusetts Board of Education was reflected directly in the establishment of a tutorial program for the perceptually-handicapped pupil. These guidelines mandate the screening of pupils for this handicap and permit the establishment of a tutorial program or of special remedial classes to give an intensive remedial program to enable these children to overcome their handicap and reach an achievement level comensurate with their academic potential. The Boxford and Topsfield systems established a program on a shared basis for the 1968-1969 school year. A person trained at the Gordon College Clinic and with teaching experience in that clinic works on a tutorial basis with individual children or pairs of children. Placement of a pupil in this program requires approval of the State Department of Education for each pupil, acting upon a set of forms prepared for each child by school personnel and a physician.

A comprehensive review of the various areas of the kindergarten curriculum is in process. Discussions have been held among certain personnel and the various guides are now under a process of revision. This revision is timely both from the point of view of the elapsed years since a comprehensive review has been carried on and by the factor of the projected establishment of kindergarten programs in Boxford and Middleton in September, 1969. The Boxford and Topsfield guides will be prepared as one common guide for the two systems. It is further planned to coordinate this work closely with the Middleton system also.

Two topics have been given some serious preliminary consideration for inclusion within the school curriculum, i.e., sex education and racial relations. While certain aspects of each topic appear in the present programs, they are generally treated incidentally and vary widely in treatment depending upon the individual teacher involved. In today's world these two topics appear to merit much more than incidental treat-

ment. It is hoped that significant study can be taken to afford the full consideration these two topics deserve.

### **School Lunch Program**

Over 70% of the Boxford elementary school pupils take advantage of the Class A school lunch provided at each of the schools. The lunch program, operating under the guidelines of the National School Lunch Act, offers a balanced meal at a cost of \$ .25, which price has remained at the same level since the beginning of the program in 1955. The low cost is made possible through the federal subsidy of \$ .09 per meal and the provision of some surplus commodities for a nominal service charge. Milk is sold separately to those pupils who prefer to bring a lunch at a cost of \$ .03 per half-pint, with the difference between that price and the cost of the milk being underwritten with federal funds.

With the reopening of the Morse School in September, 1968, it became necessary to provide lunch for the two classes of pupils housed there. This has been accomplished by transporting the prepared food from the Spofford Pond School kitchen and serving the Morse School pupils in a basement lunchroom.

During the 1967-1968 school year, the program continued to be self-supporting, requiring no direct budgetary appropriation. The financial statement shows a profit as detailed below:

#### **1967-1968 School Year**

Income based on sales	\$22,964.11	
School Lunch and Milk Subsidy	9,121.59	
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		\$32,085.70
Expenditures:		
Food	\$16,739.87	
Wages	10,035.13	
Equipment	1,265.41	
Other	1,770.48	
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Profit		\$2,274.81

The profit this past year made possible the purchase of three cafeteria tables, which tables are being used at the Morse School during the current year and which will be used in the expanded lunch program at the Spofford Pond School next year. The profit has also provided a welcome reserve which may need to be drawn on during the current school year. The experience of the first three months is one of a deficit averaging in excess of \$200 per month. The apparent reasons for this deficit are — transportation and extra labor costs in connection with the Morse School lunch program, the continuing general rise in food and milk prices and the increase in wage rates for labor.

### Health Service

A comprehensive health program is carried on under the direction of the School Nurse, Mrs. Mary Hunter, and Doctors James and David Brackbill, School Physicians. The height and weight of each pupil is recorded annually. Vision and hearing tests are administered to every pupil. Ill and injured children are cared for until their parents can assume the responsibility. School health services include:

Physical Examinations	101 pupils — 3 referrals
Vision Tests	653 pupils — 33 referrals
Audiometer Tests	650 pupils — 9 referrals
Diphtheria-Tetanus	
Innocations	97 pupils
Tuberculosis Tine Tests	63 pupils
	26 staff
Influenza Vaccine	School staff

In addition to the above services, a "Lazy Eye Clinic" was offered for preschool children in the spring prior to first grade enrollment.

A statute, with an effective date of December, 1967, expanded greatly the immunization requirements for school children to include immunization against smallpox, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, and poliomyelitis. Therefore, an intense effort was made through 1968 to meet these new requirements and to ascertain that all records were complete as to those details.



### **A Look Ahead**

A persuasive influence, which dominates any attempt to lay plans for the future development and improvement of the local system, is that influence exerted by the regionalization movement in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 1949 the General Court enacted several statutes which governed the establishment, operation, and financing of regional school districts. The thrust of these statutes was to make possible the uniting of two or more small towns in the building and operation of regional schools, thereby affording the opportunity for a school plant and educational program beyond the capabilities of a single, small community. Since 1951 nearly seventy regional school districts have been established, almost all of which have been secondary school districts or vocational school districts.

This accomplishment noted above represents the near completion of what is the first phase of the regionalization movement in Massachusetts. Nearly all towns which, by their small population should be in a regional secondary school district, are in regional school districts.

Phase two of the regionalization movement is now in its beginning stages and is aimed directly at bringing within the confines of a Kindergarten — Grade 12 regional school district the many small elementary school districts now operating in conjunction with regionalized secondary school districts. The guidelines of the Massachusetts Board of Education stipulate clearly that all communities shall be a part of a K-12 school district, operating under a single school committee and with one superintendent of schools. Each such district must contain a minimum enrollment of 2000 pupils. Each school committee, not meeting these guidelines, must submit a plan for the implementation of these guidelines to the Commissioner of Education by December 31, 1969.

Clearly, Boxford, Middleton, Masconomet, and Topsfield do not presently meet these standards. Clearly, also, the local school committees must make some commitment to the implementation of these guidelines prior to December 1969. It appears

that the School Building Assistance Bureau is requiring that such a commitment be officially voted before granting approval for the building project now under active planning at Masconomet Regional High School. It has also been stated that no approval for additional elementary school facilities would be forthcoming until the towns had actually voted to effect a K-12 regional school district.

The Future Considerations Sub-Committee, an outgrowth of a Boxford-Topsfield sub-committee formed to study recommendations for improving the educational program of the local elementary systems, is now operating as an informal study committee with representatives from the Boxford, Middleton, Masconomet, and Topsfield School Committees. Its purpose has become a study of state requirements regarding school organization and the means for complying with these requirements. Efforts have been made to assess the many and significant implications of total regionalization, to determine the most desirable organizational structure, and to review the process of amending the present regional school district agreement.

As of the present writing, this is a period of some confusion, many questions and much further study looming. However, major points of significance are clear:

1. A complete reorganization of the four local school districts is imminent and will be carried out in the near future.

2. Future elementary school construction in the three towns will also take place under a reorganized, regional district structure.

3. The apparent approach to district reorganization will be an amendment of the present Masconomet Regional School District Agreement to include responsibility for Kindergarten through Grade 12.

4. The vote of the towns to effect the reorganization of the school districts should be made at a date which will provide sufficient lead time prior to the effective date of reorganization to make for an orderly and well phased transition from the present organization to the new organization.

5. This major question of reorganization with its many implications and ramifications must be brought fully to the attention of the voters of the Towns well in advance of the time for decision. Final voting should come only after full debate and clear understanding of the issues.

## ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER 1, 1968

## HARRY LEE COLE

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	31	10	25	23	31	33	153
Girls	21	11	25	30	40	38	165
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	52	21	50	53	71	71	318

## AARON WOOD

Grade	2	Totals
Boys	20	20
Girls	22	22
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	42	42

## SPOFFORD POND

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	9	9	27	31	22	25	123
Girls	11	13	25	23	29	27	128
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	20	22	52	54	51	52	251

## GARDNER MORSE

Grade	1	2	Totals
Boys	9	16	25
Girls	10	10	20
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	19	26	45
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			656

## SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	16-21	Totals
Boys	90	515	89	694
Girls	85	489	87	661
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	175	1004	176	1355

### **No-School Signal**

No-school announcements will be broadcast over WESX, WHAV, and WNAC between 7:00 and 7:30 A.M. if there is no school for the day. Announcements regarding "No School" are made by the Boxford Superintendent for the Boxford Elementary schools only. Announcements for the Masconomet Regional High School will be made by the Regional Superintendent and will be designated "Masconomet Regional High School."

In addition three long blasts will be given on the local fire alarm at 7:15 A.M. to designate no school for the elementary classes (grades one through six) for the day.

During stormy or extremely cold weather, parents are urged to exercise their own judgment in sending their children to school.

### **Vaccination and Immunization**

The law now requires vaccination against small pox and immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, and poliomyelitis as a condition of school attendance. A child may be admitted upon certification by a physician that the health of the child would be endangered by such vaccination or immunizations. Parents are requested to attend to this matter prior to the spring registration for Kindergarten and Grade one if possible.



**SCHOOL CALENDAR****1968-1969 School Year**

January 2 .....	School Reopens
February 14 .....	Winter Recess—Close Regular Time
February 24 .....	School Reopens
March 26 .....	Teachers' Convention—No School
March 27 .....	Good Friday—No School
April 18 .....	Spring Recess—Close Regular Time
April 28 .....	School Reopens
May 26 .....	Memorial Day—No School
June 20 .....	Summer Vacation—Close at Noon

**1969-1970 School Year**

September 3 .....	School in Session—Dismissal at Noon
September 4 .....	School in Session—Regular Sessions
October 13 .....	Columbus Day—No School
November 11 .....	Veterans' Day—No School
November 26 .....	Thanksgiving Recess—Dismissal at Noon
December 1 .....	School Reopens
December 23 .....	Christmas Recess—Dismissal Regular Time
January 5 .....	School Reopens
February 13 .....	Winter Recess—Dismissal Regular Time
February 23 .....	School Reopens
March 25 .....	Teachers' Convention—No School
April 17 .....	Spring Recess—Dismissal Regular Time
April 27 .....	School Reopens
May 25 .....	Memorial Day—No School
June 22 .....	Summer Vacation—Close at Noon

(Subject to Change)



## TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

As of January 1, 1969

Name	Grade or Subject	School	Appointment.		Graduate of
Joseph P. Ritchie	Principal	Spoftford Pond	1956		Boston College
Joseph F. Bateman, Jr.	Grade 6	Spoftford Pond	1966		Salem State College
Kathleen Whitley	Grade 6	Spoftford Pond	1966		St. Lawrence University
Ruth Morin	Grade 5	Spoftford Pond	1950		Hyannis State College
Agnes Schmitt	Grade 5	Spoftford Pond	1966		Northwestern University
June Seith	Grade 4	Spoftford Pond	1969		Gordon College
Dona McDuff	Grade 4	Spoftford Pond	1965		Salem State College
Anne M. Howard	Grade 3	Spoftford Pond	1967		Bates College
Ann Bixby	Grade 3	Spoftford Pond	1968		Wellesley College
Dorothy M. Carver	Grade 2	Spoftford Pond	1941		Salem State
Mary L. Eichorn	Grade 2	Spoftford Pond	1968		Wellesley College
Barbara A. Horn	Grade 1	Spoftford Pond	1964		Lesley College
Enid Davis	Grade 1	Spoftford Pond	1961		So. Connecticut State College
Isabella A. Griffin	Principal	Harry L. Cole	1961		Regis College
Helen E. Chadwick	Grade 6	Harry L. Cole	1955		Bridgewater State College
Ruth A. Curtis	Grade 6	Harry L. Cole	1967		Gorham State College
Kenneth Keaney	Grade 6	Harry L. Cole	1968		Northeastern University
Lillian Harper	Grade 5	Harry L. Cole	1968		Gordon College
Aleda Collins	Grade 5	Harry L. Cole	1968		Castleton State Teachers
Michael J. Pisani	Grade 5	Harry L. Cole	1967		University of Massachusetts

Barbara Benson	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1964	University of Illinois
Marilyn S. Guptil	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1968	Univ. of New Hampshire
Marilyn J. Keith	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1969	Conn. College for Women
Ruth E. Garrison	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1967	Gordon College
Dorothy Clark	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1966	University of Massachusetts
Harriet Goldthwaite	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1967	University of Massachusetts
Nancy Reid	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1968	Bridgewater State College
Lenore Chace	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1967	Anna Maria College
Virginia Douglass	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1964	Salem State College
Eleanor Schminkel	Art		1967	Columbia University
Alice F. Boffetti	Music		1964	N. E. Conserv. of Music
Jill MacDonald	Physical Education		1967	Iowa State University
Helen M. Vautin	Physical Education		1965	Douglas College
Dorothea D'Agostino	Reading		1960	Farmington State College
Lois R. Crane	School Adjustment Counselor		1962	Boston University
Carlotta Miller	Speech		1966	Boston University

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee of Boxford has submitted to the Town the proposed budgets for 1969 after careful review with the various departments and boards.

The following transfers were made from the Reserve Fund:

Oct. 18 — Water Resources Committee	\$1,006.98
Transfer made in order to finish testing of well capacity.	
Dec. 9 — Police Department	2,500.00
Dec. 20 — Police Department	3,200.00
Transfers made because Department went over budget, in some part due to Selectmen's decision to authorize an additional man in police cruiser, and to expenses incurred with town ambulance.	
Dec. 20 — Library	2,261.75
Transfer made to Library Trustees to reimburse them for work done by Library personnel for the School Department. The School Department paid the Town for this work and the transfer enables the Trustees to receive payment for their services.	
Dec. 20 — Veterans' Benefits	240.00
Dec. 31 — School Department	10,532.56
Transfer made because State law requires payments to be made for bills out of current year budgets. This transfer was not made because the School Department overspent 1968 funds, but to conform to the law. It will eliminate a condition that has continued over the past years.	
Dec. 31 — Town Clerk	52.50
Dec. 31 — Gas Inspector	44.00
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	\$19,837.79

It is the intention of the Finance Committee to institute a review of the budgets with the Selectmen on at least a quarterly basis. This review will assist the Finance Committee in anticipating when transfers will have to be made from the Reserve Fund.

The Finance Committee recommends strongly that the Town ambulance only be used for emergency trips to hospitals or doctors' offices. The Town has neither the manpower nor finances to run a non-emergency type of ambulance service.

At the town meeting the Finance Committee will endeavor to give an estimated tax rate for the coming year. It can be only an estimated rate because the Assessors are the only people who can establish a tax rate, after the following are determined:

1. Valuation.
2. Total appropriation.
3. State reimbursements and charges.

This year the Town budgets are higher. It appears that the State charges for Welfare and Medicaid will almost surely be greater than the reductions in the local budget for these items. The forecast is that the State will cut its refunds to the cities and towns. At present it is estimated that Boxford will get only 68 per cent of the amount received in 1968.

New construction in town was less in 1968 than 1967, so real estate valuation will not climb at the same rate as town expenses. As you are aware, the property owner carries the burden in this town because Boxford has no industry. The tax rate picture in Boxford will continue to be gloomy until

1. Boxford has a broader tax base, i.e., industry;
2. State reimbursements increase as a result of new tax programs; or
3. Greater restraint is exercised in spending at, both the State and local levels.

The Finance Committee would like to commend the work of the Town Treasurer. His knowledge of his profession has saved the Town considerable money; he has been able to increase interest paid on town account, and to reduce borrow-

ing costs. His familiarity with State laws and regulations has helped the Town greatly.

We feel that the citizens of Boxford should be aware that in the future the Town will need new buildings and facilities, a highway department that has a capacity requiring less dependence on outside contractors, central purchasing, and an increase in the staff of Town government.

The Town of Boxford has saved a great deal of money throughout its history because of the work of a number of its citizens. These people are your friends and neighbors, who have given the town many hours of work on its committees, boards and departments on a minimum or no-cost basis. As members of the Finance Committee, we congratulate them and thank them for their efforts.

As citizens, please acquaint yourselves with the different agencies of the Town. You can help to reduce your taxes by being aware of the Town's problems, by timely voicing of your opinions in a constructive manner, by sharing your knowledge and experience, and by serving the Town in either an official or unofficial capacity.

DeWITT T. MINICH  
JOHN G. BOLTON  
ROBERT C. BUELL  
CARLYLE W. THOMAS  
RICHARD R. DeMARK  
Finance Committee



**WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Masconomet Regional School, Boxford, on Monday, the third day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town officers and committees.

Article 2. To act on the proposed budget and to see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Election, Interest on Loans, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen, and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 or other suitable sum for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1969, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.



Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 7. To appropriate the sum of money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,250.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction, to be used for construction on Middleton Road and/or Washington Street.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$41,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 or other suitable sum for the Trustees of the Town Library to be expended for planning for improved and enlarged facilities for public library service in the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 or other suitable sum for the construction of **three** tennis courts at **Boy Scout Park**, said construction to be under the supervision of the Recreation Committee.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the appointment of a qualified Building Inspector (on a regional basis); such committee to be appointed within one month of this meeting, to be composed of three members, one from the Planning Board, one from the Board of Appeals, and one a citizen at large and that such committee report to the Town within six months, or at the next Town Meeting thereafter.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be added to the Conservation Fund.

Article 14. To see whether the Town will enact a by-law regulating the storage of unregistered, disabled or dismantled motor vehicles upon any land in the Town, in the following or similar form:

"Unregistered motor vehicles which are unfit for use, permanently disabled or have been dismantled or are otherwise inoperative, shall not be stored, parked, or placed upon any land in the Town unless the same shall be within a building or in an area unexposed to the view of the public and abutters or in an area properly approved for the keeping of the same by licensed junk dealers.

Violation of this section, shall, after ten days written notice or warning by the Selectmen, be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars, each day of continuing violation to be considered a separate offense."

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee consisting of three persons to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Sections 44A through 44K, as amended.

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Article 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Lincoln Hall, Precinct 2, West Boxford, on Tuesday, the fourth day of March next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for one year; Selectman for three years; Town Treasurer for one year; Member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Collector of Taxes for one year; Member of the Board of Health for three years; Highway Surveyor for one year; Constable West Parish, for one year; Constable East Parish, for one year; one Member of the Planning Board for three years; one Member of the Planning Board for

five years; two Members of the School Committee for three years; One Member of the Regional District School Committee for three years; three Library Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for one year.

To vote upon the following question mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of "Yes" or "No."

### Question

Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the year 1968 entitled "An Act providing tenure of office until age 65 for Douglas A. Warren, incumbent of the office of Police Chief of the Town of Boxford" be accepted?

YES

NO

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12 NOON  
AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said Town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

HARRY L. COLE

JOHN EVANS

CLAYTON B. LARRABEE

Board of Selectmen



**EXPENDITURES AND PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Proposed Budget</b>
	<b>1967</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
Selectmen	\$ 1,436.37	\$ 1,946.07	\$ 2,500.00
Board of Public Welfare	280.00	250.00	50.00
Assessors	2,487.57	3,213.52	3,500.00
Treasurer	1,274.25	2,340.68	3,200.00
Town Clerk	560.00	825.50	700.00
Accountant	3,578.28	3,994.01	4,000.00
Collector	1,843.58	2,010.00	2,000.00
Registrars	238.75	297.01	300.00
Elections	259.50	1,366.45	200.00
Town Counsel	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Conservation Commission	1,520.00	35.00	60.00
Appeal Board	192.86	175.07	800.00
Planning Board	188.00	467.65	900.00
Building Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,100.00
Wire Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,100.00
Gas Inspector	482.50	544.00	500.00
Plumbing Inspector	549.50	531.00	650.00
Finance Committee	15.00	20.00	25.00
Recreation Committee	1,177.01	1,286.53	3,455.00
Board of Health	4,842.27	7,204.75	9,000.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	357.00	409.51	500.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Child Guidance Center	325.00	325.00	600.80
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	\$ 24,657.44	\$ 30,518.75	\$ 36,390.80
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:</b>			
Dog Officer	\$ 297.00	\$ 499.00	\$ 250.00
Police	30,983.26	42,434.85	48,548.00
Fire Department	17,412.29	19,321.15	22,710.00
Tree Warden	1,987.80	1,950.40	2,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,394.90	1,396.50	2,000.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,997.00	1,900.00	2,000.00
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	\$ 54,072.55	\$ 67,501.90	\$ 77,508.00
<b>AID AND RELIEF:</b>			
Veteran's Benefits	1,197.60	\$ 3,235.90	\$ 3,000.00
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	\$ 1,197.60	\$ 3,235.90	\$ 3,000.00

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	Expenditures		Proposed Budget
	1967	1968	1969
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES:			
Schools — Town	\$286,314.98	\$342,161.56	\$408,746.00
Regional District School	407,234.52	509,985.06	599,030.00
Libraries	18,109.94	22,838.08	23,372.00
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	\$711,659.44	\$874,984.70	\$1,031,148.00

## HIGHWAYS:

Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$ 5,470.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 3,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	21,900.50	21,371.75	2,800.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	31,784.53	27,595.50	30,000.00
Street Lighting	873.80	834.15	900.00
Vacation Account	2,290.50	2,053.50	3,000.00
Sick Benefit	716.00	352.50	1,000.00
Operational Expense			1,500.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	3,493.35	4,500.00	2,500.00
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	\$ 66,528.68	\$ 61,007.40	\$ 44,700.00

## UNCLASSIFIED:

Town Halls	\$ 1,832.09	\$ 2,590.68	\$ 2,000.00
Public Grounds	281.03	28.03	300.00
Town Forest			100.00
Civil Defense	404.97	121.60	350.00
Insurance	4,766.94	2,984.06	2,437.00
Memorial Day	476.25	525.00	525.00
Soldiers Graves	200.00	225.00	225.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	50.00	50.00
Harmony Cemetery	150.00	150.00	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00	150.00	150.00
"Old" Town Cemetery	906.00	50.00	50.00
Town Reports	1,425.15	1,710.95	2,000.00
Clerical	2,044.03	1,469.02	1,600.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	1,032.29	1,231.34	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt			
and Temporary Loan	3,891.00	2,736.33	8,521.00
School House Notes	26,000.00	26,000.00	36,204.00
Community House	148.45	116.55	300.00
Group Hospital & Life Insurance	4,402.26	4,415.94	4,800.00
Water Source Survey	9,386.33	606.52	200.00
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	\$ 57,546.80	\$ 45,161.02	\$ 61,962.00









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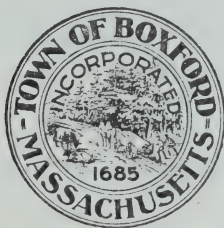
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Together with the  
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**IN MEMORIAM**



**STUART K. HARRIS**

**1905 - 1969**

**Conservation Commission 1960 - 1968**

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## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## TOWN OFFICERS

## Elected

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clayton B. Larrabee (resigned)	
Ruth E. Race	Term expires 1970
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1971
John Evans	Term expires 1972

## MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

## TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1971
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1971

## TOWN TREASURER

Francis E. Perry	Term expires 1970
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## COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Frederick A. Smallman

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1970
Chester K. Twiss	Term expires 1971
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1972

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Charles H. Pinkham, 2nd	Term expires 1970
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1971
Una K. Bakewell	Term expires 1972

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Webster B. Brockleman, Jr.	Term expires 1970
Albert D. Wood	Term expires 1970
Peter K. Race	Term expires 1971
A. Gordon Price	Term expires 1972
Harris R. Gates	Term expires 1972

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Amy G. Parkhurst	Richard P. Chadwick	Harry E. Trask
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## TREE WARDEN

Robert E. Hebb

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Clinton E. French

## CONSTABLES

Clinton E. French	Walter H. Gamans, Jr.
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## PLANNING BOARD

J. Warren Chadwick (1970)	Thomas B. Greenman (1972)
William E. Dorman (1970)	Craig E. Falk (1973)
David L. Pitt (1971)	Charles P. A. Nelson (1973)
E. Laurence Colby (resigned)	Robert E. Borden (1974)

## REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lewis C. Doggett	Term expires 1970
Edward C. Bryant	Term expires 1971
Philip Bogdanoff	Term expires 1972

## TRUSTEES OF THE BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Richard P. Chadwick (1970)	Kathleen Murphy (1970)
Winthrop P. Haynes (1970)	John F. G. Eichorn (1971)
H. Irene Latham (1970)	Rosamond P. Gowen (1972)
Milton E. Lord (1971)	Frederick G. Lehmann (1972)
Helene N. Dodd (resigned)	Catherine T. Thomas (1972)



## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## TOWN OFFICERS — APPOINTED

## TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley Term expires 1971

## CHIEF OF POLICE

Douglas A. Warren

## CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charles E. Killam

## APPEAL BOARD

Simeon Locke, M.D.	Term expires 1970
Roland W. Butters	Term expires 1971
Donald Scutiére	Term expires 1972

## APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

John P. Marsh	Term expires 1970
William J. McGrath	Term expires 1971
Peter Bedrosian	Term expires 1972

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Rosamond P. Gowen (1970)	Charles S. Hatch (1972)
Robson W. Shelly (1971)	Earle O. Latham (1972)
Charlotte Maddock (1972)	

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

John G. Bolton (1970)	DeWitt T. Minich (1971)
Robert C. Buell (resigned)	Richard DeMark (1972)
James H. Heeremans (1970)	Carlyle W. Thomas (1972)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

William C. Abbott, Jr. (1970)      Robert J. Cavanaugh (1972)  
A. Gordon Price (1971)      John J. Hudson (1972)  
Edward McIlvaine (1971)

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Robert E. Hebb

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William H. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Walter H. Gamans, Jr.      Arthur G. Smith

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Archer N. French

DOG OFFICER

Donald E. Hughes

FOREST WARDEN

Charles E. Killam

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Winthrop P. Haynes (1970)      Robert B. Parkhurst (1971)  
Stanwood R. Morss (1972)

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Henry W. Nason      John M. Moore

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## POLICE OFFICERS

Earle Blake	Fred D. Newell, Jr.
C. Richard Cunningham	Joseph A. Pageau
Clinton E. French	Richard W. Pratt
David R. French	Harold O. Sederquest
Walter H. Gamans, Jr.	William F. Stone
Paul A. Genest	Walter Strobel, Jr.
David L. Ladd	James T. Stromberg
Charles N. Love (resigned)	John H. Ward, Jr.
Paul M. Bates	John Curran

Robert M. Woodbury

## RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson	Ernest K. Mortimer
Horace D. Moore	Francis S. Smith

## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Frederick B. Monell, Jr. (1970)	Julius Sasso (1972)
John Stuart Haywood (1971)	Wade Elliott (1973)
From the School Committee:	Harris Gates
	A. Gordon Price
	Albert D. Wood

## WATER RESOURCES AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Patricia Bailly (1970)	William A. Cheney (1972)
Buell L. Bassette (1971)	Donald J. Scutiore (1973)
Clayton A. Nelson (1974)	

## REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Charles H. Pinkham, II	Ethel M. Houser
William E. Crosby	

## COMMUNICATION STUDY COMMITTEE

John Becker	Maurice Lambert
David L. Ladd	John Mulcahy
Allan Titcomb	

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

INSPECTORS

Builders: Henry W. Nason  
Gas: Gardner W. Starrett

Plumbing: Harold L. Galloway  
Wiring: Herbert W. Sperry

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Bernard E. Bingham, District Director

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BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685, and its population at the time of the 1965 census was 3004.

Number of registered voters in 1969 was 1862.

Area in square miles, 24.39; miles of Town road, 70.

Boxford is in the Third Essex Senatorial District. The Senator is William L. Saltonstall, 388 Summer Street, Manchester.

The Town is in the Twelfth Essex Representative District, and the Representative is Robert C. Buell, Woodcrest Road, Boxford.

Inspectors for the Town of Boxford are:

Building Inspector, Henry W. Nason, West Boxford — Tel. 352-2323.

Wire Inspector, Herbert W. Sperry, West Boxford — Tel. 352-2470.

Gas Inspector, Gardner W. Starrett, Boxford — Tel. 887-5058.

Plumbing Inspector, Harold R. Galloway, Boxford, Tel. 887-2232.

**LIST OF JURORS — 1969-1970**

Abbott, William C., Salesman, Topsfield Road  
Ackerman, Alfred R., Jr., Salesman, Ipswich Road  
Behrens, Donald C., Salesman, King George Drive  
Benedict, Ernest, Insurance, Ipswich Road  
Benulis, Helen L., Housewife, Silverbrook Road  
Brisbois, Gerald C., Cabinet maker, Killam Hill Road  
Boone, Bert R., (ret.) Physician, Hillside Road  
Cheever, Norman W., Quality manager, Topsfield Road  
Clark, Lewis, Engineer, Mill Run Road  
DeVost, Richard E., Machinst, Elm Street  
Dotson, John P., Engineer, Willow Road, West Boxford  
Drislane, Dennis J., Paving contractor, Killam Hill Road  
Earnshaw, George R., Sales manager, Depot Road  
Falk, Craig E., Engineer, Elm Street  
Freedman, Gertrude, housewife, Ipswich Road  
Fasano, John, Systems manager, Hillside Road  
Gingrande, Arthur, Engineer, Herrick Road  
Griffin, Lucille T., Housewife, Ipswich Road  
Holley, Frederick R., Research tech., Killam Hill Road  
Kernander, Ann E., Housewife, King John Drive  
Lincoln, Charles W., Chemist, Bare Hill Road  
Lindsay, Harry William, Plant manager, Stonecleave Road  
Loebell, Virginia, Housewife, Topsfield Road  
McCraime, Barbara L., Housewife, Camp Ground Road  
Moore, Horace D., Retired, Depot Road  
Moore, Leah B., Housewife, Killam Hill Road  
Nelson, Clayton A., Retired, Main Street, West Boxford  
Pearl, Clara E., Housewife, Main Street, West Boxford  
Pitt, Mary G., Housewife, King John Drive  
Prevost, Bruno, Retired, Lily Pond Road, West Boxford  
Redman, Alma A., Housewife, Hillside Road  
Shattuck, Otis E., Retired, Ipswich Road  
Thompson, Gordon, Engineer, Hemlock Road  
Titcomb, Allan, Engineer, Georgetown Road  
Verrengia, Beverly B., Housewife, Valley Road, West Boxford  
Vint, Jean P., Librarian, Lantern Lane

Wayland, E. Brewster, Civil service, Herrick Road  
Wheeler, Gardner A., Salesman, Middleton Road  
Wood, Loren M., Marketing, Kelsey Road



**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10, 1969**

The voters of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional District School on Monday, March 10, 8:00 P.M. with about 300 attending. After a prayer by Reverend Robert Dana, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the Moderator. Action was taken as follows on the articles in the warrant:

1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report.

2. Voted to accept the printed proposed budget with the following changes: \$2900.00 for the Recreation Committee; \$1400.00 for Moth Suppression; and \$40,000.00 for Snow Removal and Sanding.

3. Voted to appropriate \$2,500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

4. Voted to appropriate \$25,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1969, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

6. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1126.19 to allow bills of charge and payments as follows: \$529.80 to C. & C. Elliott for oil, and \$596.29 to Otis G. Chase for plumbing.

7. Voted to appropriate the sum of money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for the use of the Boxford Town Library.

8. Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,250.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under

Chapter 90 Construction, to be used for construction on Washington Street.

9. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$41,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

10. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Trustees of the Town Library to be expended for planning and enlarged facilities for public library service in the Town. The vote, taken by hand, was 168 to 97.

11. Voted down the proposal to build three tennis courts.

12. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Committee to study the appointment of a qualified Building Inspector (on a regional basis); such Committee to be appointed within one month of this meeting, to be composed of three members, one from the Planning Board, one from the Board of Appeals, and one a citizen at large and that such committee report to the Town within six months, or at the next Town Meeting thereafter.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to be added to the Conservation Fund.

14. Voted to enact a by-law regulating the storage of unregistered, disabled or dismantled motor vehicles upon any land in the Town, in the following form:

"Unregistered motor vehicles which are unfit for use, permanently disabled, or have been dismantled, or are otherwise inoperative, shall not be stored, parked, or placed upon any land in the Town unless the same shall be within a building or in an area unexposed to the view of the public and abutters, or in an area properly approved for the keeping of the same by licensed junk dealers.

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24. Voted to adjourn at 11:40 P.M.

A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

**BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1969**

<b>General Government</b>	<b>Budget Adopted</b>
Selectmen	\$ 2,500.00
Board of Public Welfare	50.00
Assessors	3,500.00
Treasurer	3,200.00
Town Clerk	700.00
Accountant	4,000.00
Collector	2,000.00
Registrars	300.00
Elections	200.00
Town Counsel	1,200.00
Conservation Commission	60.00
Appeal Board	800.00
Planning Board	900.00
Building Inspector	1,100.00
Wire Inspector	1,100.00
Gas Inspector	500.00
Plumbing Inspector	650.00
Finance Committee	25.00
Recreation Committee	2,900.00
Board of Health	9,000.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	500.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Child Guidance Center	600.80
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	<b>\$35,835.80</b>
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>	
Dog officer	\$ 250.00
Police	48,548.00
Fire Department	22,710.00
Tree Warden	2,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	2,000.00
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	<b>\$76,908.00</b>



**Aid and Relief:**

Veteran's Benefits	\$3,000.00
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**Schools and Libraries:**

Schools — Town	\$ 408,746.00
Regional District School	599,030.00
Libraries	23,372.00

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\$1,031,148.00

**Highways:**

Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,800.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	40,000.00
Street Lighting	900.00
Vacation Account	3,000.00
Sick Benefit	1,000.00
Operational Expense	1,500.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	2,500.00

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## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

Community House	300.00
Group Hospital and Life Insurance	4,800.00
Water Source Survey	200.00

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	\$61,962.00
Total Budget Adopted	\$1,263,553.80

## Items to be raised and appropriated:

Article 6 .....	\$ 1,126.19
Article 8 .....	7,250.00
Article 10 .....	5,000.00
Article 13 .....	1,500.00
Article 16 .....	16,065.00
Article 17 .....	10,000.00
Article 18 .....	25,000.00
Article 19 .....	1,000.00
Article 20 .....	600.00
Article 22 .....	4,500.00
Article 23 .....	15,252.05

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	\$87,293.24
Budget Adopted .....	\$1,263,553.80

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Total to be raised and appropriated .....	\$1,350,847.04
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## TRANSFERS

Article 3 .....	\$ 2,500.00
Article 4 .....	25,000.00
Article 9 .....	41,000.00

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	\$68,500.00
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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 1969**

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School at 8 P.M., on October 9, for a special town meeting with 175 present. After a prayer by Rev. Arthur White, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator. The action taken on the articles of the warrant was as follows:

Article 1. Voted unanimously to approve the \$1,950,-000.00 debt authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Masconomet Regional School District on September 26, 1969, for constructing and equipping and addition or additions to the district school.

Article 2. Voted to accept Burning Brush Drive as a public way.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate and transfer the balance of funds not used from the fund established under Article 16 of the March 1969 Town Meeting to a fund for repairs and improvement of Towne Road.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,162.17 received from the state for flood damage and transfer said sum to the fund established under Article 3.

Article 5. Voted to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$4,550.00, the cost of the new highway department truck purchased on an emergency basis in January, 1969.

Article 6. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Maintenance account.

Article 7. Voted to transfer the sum of \$504.25 from the Town Reports account and \$100.00 from the Sick Benefit account to the Board of Health.

Article 8. Voted to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from the Sick Benefit account and \$39.72 from the Treasurer's 1968 account to the Treasurer's 1969 account.

Article 9. Voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Vacation account to the Selectmen's Highway Fund.

Article 10. Voted to transfer the sum of \$888.02 from the 1968 Police account to the Insurance account.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$502.50 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the town libraries.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,390.02 for highway improvement, said sum to be transferred from funds received from the State under Chapter 616, Acts of 1967.

Article 13. Voted to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

A true record.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

**BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1969 IN BOXFORD**

Date	Name	Parents
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**1968**

Sept. 16 —	Andrew Trent Winick	Mark Winick Freyda Glantz
Nov. 4 —	Theodore Alastair Timpson	Richard Timpson Carol Pescosolido
Dec. 7 —	Anthony Tarleton Pescosolido	William Burkeley Pescosolido Bernice M. Stallings
Dec. 19 —	Jeffrey Thomas Demars	John Stuart Demars Shelley Marie Cooke
Dec. 21 —	Kristen Cavanaugh	Robert John Cavanaugh Mary Agnes Kinsella
Dec. 22 —	Stephanie Barbara Muth	Eginhard Joerg Muth Janine Henriette Durieux
Dec. 23 —	Lori Yarchin	Daniel Yarchin Toni Jaffee
Dec. 26 —	Michael Robert Pageau	Joseph Arthur Pageau Alverna M. Zukas
Dec. 27 —	Michael John Bucyk	John Paul Bucyk Anne Margaret Smith

**1969**

Jan. 12 —	Ross Mitchell Pearsall	Richard Joseph Pearsall Dorothy Ann Labbe
Jan. 15 —	Hannah Porter Wood	Loren Morris Wood Sally Ann Hall
Jan. 23 —	Gail Denise Scribner	Reginald Frank Scribner Marjorie Marie Ploof
Jan. 24 —	Nancy Louise Earnshaw	George Robert Earnshaw Janet Louise Herron
Jan. 25 —	Mark Cutler	David Cutler Helen Louise Hanson
Feb. 6 —	David Philbrick Conway	Melvin Edward Conway Ruth Alice Waldvogel

Feb. 12 —	Shane Daniel Palmer	Mark Leonard Palmer Ruth Elaine Blinn
Feb. 18 —	Christine Gail Hickok	Richard Clair Hickok Sandra Ruth Pelton
Mar. 4 —	Robert Whitfield Larkin, Jr.	Robert Whitfield Larkin Brenda Marie Rodkowski
Mar. 5 —	James Cameron Truman	John Thomas Truman Dorothy Tamara Petchlar
Mar. 13 —	Kelli Rea Garrison	James Rea Garrison Jo Rene Wellman
Mar. 13 —	Richard Philip Hathaway	Lewis King Hathaway Marjorie Ruth Littlefield
Mar. 17 —	Lara Lee Spinney	Philip Thomas Spinney Dorothy Janet Byrnes
Mar. 30 —	Jane Clare Tischer	James Carl Tischer Joan Amerell Bade
Apr. 2 —	Andrew Ward Dupont	Wayne Hartshorn Dupont Patricia Joanne Conti
Apr. 2 —	Rhett Alan Dupont	Wayne Hartshorn Dupont Patricia Joanne Conti
Apr. 10 —	Lista Alden Lincoln	James Alden Lincoln Elaine Endsley Fairman
Apr. 23 —	Christine Elizabeth Hogan	Edward Joseph Hogan Judith Ann Bowles
May 1 —	Julie Evelyn Slade	William Frank Slade Priscilla Ann Nalchajian
May 10 —	David Wayne Baxter	Leslie John Baxter Marguerite Marie Christian
May 20 —	Susan Mary Keil	William Catching Keil Mary Elizabeth Butts
June 5 —	Samantha Jayne Benson	David Frederick Benson Susan Jayne Demars
July 8 —	Sarah Harrison Harding	Walter Alan Harding Susan Jane Adams
July 17 —	Thomas Carl Barnes III	Thomas Carl Barnes Sarah Buckman Milford



July 21 — Jennifer Lynn Tinney	Joseph Harold Tinney Carol Jean Holt
July 25 — Amy Christina Ford	Peter Anthony Ford Jane Hart Tormey
July 31 — Christopher Alden Vildava	Osvalds A. Vildava Gail Kemble Goodhue
Aug. 10 — Matthew Alan Zolla	Stephen Thomas Zolla Deborah Sue McPhee
Aug. 18 — Edward Lewis Hill	Malcolm T. Hill Nancy C. Lewis
Aug. 28 — Abigail Coy Hadeka	Joseph Bernard Hadeka Julie Judge Coy
Aug. 28 — Rory Kathleen Evans	Kendall Harold Evans Alice Marie Hofman
Sept. 10 — Randall Scott Wood	George Robert Wood Jean Ann Hangan
Sept. 18 — Alison Baird Lovell	Philip B. Lovell Gail Annich
Oct. 12 — Gretchen Catherine Geggis	David Paul Geggis Marie Carola Yeager
Oct. 14 — Lindsey Buck	John Halsey Buck III Susan Elliott Thompson
Oct. 17 — Gretchen Marie McCarey	Thomas Joseph McCarey Mary Judith Robrecht
Oct. 24 — Stephanie Marnie Driscoll	Robert John Driscoll Joan Phyllis Peabody
Oct. 28 — Cynthia Jean McDonald	John Patrick McDonald Suretha Helen
Nov. 5 — Kara Alane Brown	Allen Garfield Brown Jane Elizabeth DuBiel
Nov. 20 — William Theodore Throenson	William T. Throenson Amy E. Kelloway
Dec. 4 — James Walter Whitney	Jack Richard Whitney Sandra Corrine Dudley



## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1969

Date	Names	Residence
<b>1968</b>		
Dec. 28 —	James Guido Sandulli Christine Loebel	Philadelphia, Penna. Boxford
<b>1969</b>		
Jan. 17 —	Thomas Russell Scahill Kathleen Charlotte Fenwick	Ipswich Boxford
Jan. 18 —	Edward P. Boardman Margaret L. Melvin	Middleton Boxford
Feb. 8 —	John Thomas Whrocki Cynthia Louise Chew	Everett Boxford
Feb. 14 —	Alfred James Lilley Katherine Netherland	Salem, N.H. Boxford
Feb. 16 —	Paud Scott Nelson Barbara Scott Kuczun	Waterville, Maine Boxford
Mar. 29 —	Rufus Albert Kessler Dayle Ellen Martin	Washington, D.C. Boxford
Apr. 20 —	Stephen W. Weatherbee Priscilla A. French	Boxford Belmont
Apr. 26 —	Francis Frederick Perry, Jr. Cheryl Ann Connor	Boxford Middleton
June 7 —	James Wilber Hunley Sally Elizabeth Calder	Baltimore, Md. Boxford
June 14 —	Gerald E. Jordan Margaret G. Walker	Kezar Falls, Maine Boxford
June 14 —	John Edward Klingensmith Judith Dale Porter	Boxford Topsfield
June 14 —	Charles Nathaniel Love Mary Jo Delaney	Boxford Georgetown
June 15 —	Seth D. Shulman Holly Cowan	Boxford New York, N.Y.
June 22 —	John W. Renshaw Pauline Laura Genest	Beverly, Mass. Boxford
June 28 —	James Eugene Ritzo Carol Ann Baer	Leominster Boxford

June 28	— Thomas F. Roche, Jr.	Boxford
	Barbara J. Blaisdell	Topsfield
July 26	— Ronald G. Perkins	Beverly
	Beverly Ash Jones	Boxford
Aug. 3	— Kenneth H. Lindgren	Norwood
	Hanna Agerkov	Boxford
Aug. 8	— Thomas Harley Hinnendael	Reading
	Lucinda Joan Loring	Boxford
Aug. 30	— John Alan Chabot	San Carlos, Calif.
	Marcia Gaye Wright	Boxford
Sept. 6	— Edward Thompson Howard, Jr.	Boxford
	Susan Bertha Vye	Somerville
Sept. 12	— Leslie S. LeBlanc	Boxford
	Dianne Nelson	Salem
Sept. 20	— Robert Louis Winship	Boxford
	Susan Eves Arnold	Worcester
Oct. 4	— John P. Stelmack	Washington, D.C.
	Sally F. French	Boxford
Oct. 5	— Edward Alfred Smeltzer	Andover
	Kathleen Hilda Blaisdell	Boxford
Nov. 29	— Ralph Albert Harmon	Pelham, N.H.
	Willie Mae (Laird) Nolan	Boxford
Nov. 29	— James B. Peirce	Topsfield
	Stephanie A. Sennott	Boxford
Dec. 5	— Joel Alan Lipof	Waban
	Melanie Ruth Weber	Boxford
Dec. 13	— Clayton A. Nelson	Boxford
	Ruth Eleanor (Brown) Anttil	Nashua, N.H.
Dec. 21	— Ralph A. Woodcock	Andover
	Beulah W. Nason	Boxford

## DEATHS RECORDED IN 1969

Date	Name	Age		
		Yr.	Mo.	Days
1968				
May 19	— Howard Martin	75	4	25
Oct. 19	— Katherine Stout	70	2	25
Dec. 5	— Arthur D. Whittier	78	9	25
Dec. 23	— Margaret B. Martin	51		
Dec. 28	— Estelle Dorman	88		
1969				
Jan. 10	— Nellie Christine Barnum	76	9	17
Feb. 16	— Winifred Chadwick	78		
Feb. 21	— Caroline E. Nelson	63		
Feb. 25	— Rose Melvin	46	10	11
Apr. 10	— Ada Barrett	93		
Apr. 11	— Richard D. Kimball	60	5	24
Apr. 13	— James Feronetti	77	3	7
Apr. 22	— Alco Taylor	58	10	2
May 18	— Olive R. Byrne	75	7	26
May 20	— Harry B. Niles	77	2	0
May 20	— Maude A. Niles	101	1	12
May 23	— Arthur W. Brown	53	3	0
July 1	— Catherine Berry Thomson	44	8	27
July 13	— Ethel C. Cole	83	10	12
July 20	— William James Macul	44	9	14
July 23	— Eben Albert Upton	81	7	28
July 28	— Roger B. Knapp	50		
July 30	— Stuart K. Harris	63	6	0
Sept. 4	— Fannie Moulton	83	8	10
Sept 20	— Patrick Winship		9	28
Nov. 3	— Joseph Frederick Morin	16	9	27
Nov. 20	— Henry G. Trott	55	5	28
Nov. 22	— Michelle Marie Wilson	13	5	8

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1969**

201 Males	@ \$ 2.00	\$402.00
44 Females	@ 5.00	220.00
188 Spayed Females	@ 2.00	376.00
10 Kennels	@ 10.00	100.00
2 Kennels	@ 25.00	50.00
1 Kennel	@ 50.00	50.00
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Total Received		\$1,198.00
Town Clerk's Fees		111.50
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Remitted to Town Treasurer		\$1,086.50

**FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1969**

141 Resident Fishing	@ \$5.25	\$740.25
48 Resident Hunting	@ 5.25	252.00
27 Sporting	@ 8.25	222.75
22 Minor Fishing	@ 3.25	71.50
17 Female Fishing	@ 4.25	72.25
5 Non-Resident Fishing	@ 9.75	48.75
3 Sporting — Free		
2 Deer Stamps	@ 1.10	2.20
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Total Received		\$1,409.70
Town Clerk's Fees		65.20
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Remitted to Town Treasurer		\$1,344.50

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

After our announcement of plans for a complete revaluation and the distribution of the Assessment Data Sheets with last year's Town Report, we received the requested data from approximately 45 per cent of the property owners in Town. By June of 1969, it became apparent that the work of gathering the data not submitted voluntarily would take us quite some time, and therefore, we announced that the 1969 tax rate would have to be computed on the basis of values already established rather than on new values. After finishing up the 1969 assessing in September, we again applied ourselves to the task of revaluation. At February 1, 1970, we will have data on over 70 per cent of all buildings in Town. We are hoping to have the revaluation completed by mid-summer of 1970, in time for use in computing the 1970 tax rate. No new values will be used until all units have been revalued.

In connection with the revaluation, a new card index system will be installed. The use of this new system should eliminate the necessity of making new assessment cards each time a particular piece of property changes owners. This should ease some of the clerical work and should also provide a historical record for each property unit.

The Board acquired a new Polaroid camera during the Fall of 1969 in order to make a pictorial record of each piece of property in Town. The camera has also proven to be of great value in the assessment of new construction which is partially completed at year-end.

In order to familiarize every taxpayer in Town with the filing requirements of the Personal Property Tax, we have mailed a 1970 Form of List and instructions for completion to each taxpayer. We are hoping to up-date our personal property records this year as a result of the filings of this form.

We have also recently circulated, by mail, a new set of Assessment Data Sheets. Any taxpayer owning property in Town who has not yet returned an Assessment Data Sheet



to the Assessors is urged to answer all questions and return the form to the Town Office as soon as possible.

The 1969 Table of Aggregates and Recapitulation Sheet accompany this report.

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Dwellings Assessed in 1969:

Houses	962
Camps	46

Number of Live Stock Assessed:

Horses	75
Ponies	16
Cattle	99
Sheep	23
Swine	8
Fowl	2,237

Other: — 7 Beehives

Respectfully submitted,

BOXFORD BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
CHESTER K. TWISS  
J. WARREN CHADWICK  
HARRY L. COLE



## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Town of Boxford

## 1969 RECAPITULATION

TOWN: (Total Appropriations Voted Since  
1968 Tax Rate was Fixed.)

Total appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$1,350,847.04
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Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds:	
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(In 1968 since 1968	
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rate was fixed)	\$43,616.12
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	112,821.31
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	\$1,463,668.35
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Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:

Construction of School Proj.—

Stabilization Funds	\$100,000.00
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School Lunch Program	4,218.60
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Free Public Libraries	
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(include Reg. Library)	502.50
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	104,721.10
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	\$10,250.70
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County Retirement	\$10,078.96
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Veteran's District	171.74
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	\$10,250.70
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Truck — Emergency Snow	5,000.00
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COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

	1969 Estimates	1968 Under- estimates
County Tax	\$21,905.56	

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	\$21,905.56
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## STATE: Tax and Assessments

State Recreation Areas	\$4,048.96	\$305.02
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Mosquito Control		
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Projects	6,268.00	
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Motor Vehicle Excise		
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Tax Bills	420.30	
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	<u>\$10,737.26</u>	<u>\$305.02</u>	\$11,042.28
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OVERLAY of current year

36,727.63

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$1,653,315.62

## Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

1969 Estimated Receipts from

the Local Aid and Agency

Funds

\$373,156.47

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise

114,344.51

Licenses

5,297.00

Fines

600.00

Special Assessments

2,095.00

Highways

300.00

School (local receipts of

School Committee)

300.00

Interest: On Taxes and Assess-

ments \$1,661.76; On Deposit

\$5,000.00

6,661.76

Farm Animal, Machinery and

Equipment Excise

235.00

Total Estimated Receipts		\$502,989.74
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Overestimates

	<u>\$279.11</u>
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Amounts voted to be taken from  
available funds

Road Machinery

Fund

3/10/69 \$2,500.00

Overlay Reserve

3/10/69 25,000.00

Dog Fund

3/10/69 705.19

Free Cash	3/10/69	41,000.00	
Various	11/20/68	43,616.12	
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			112,821.31
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Total Available Funds			\$113,100.42
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds			\$616,090.16
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by</b>			
<b>Taxation on Property</b>			\$1,037,225.46
Total Personal Property		\$609,043.00	
Valuation: Real Estate		8,489,426.00	
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Total		\$9,098,469.00	
Tax Rate Personal Property Tax		\$69,430.90	
\$114.00 Real Estate Tax		967,794.06	
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			\$1,037,224.96
<b>Total Taxes Levied on Property</b>			\$1,037,225.46
Items not entering into the Determination of the Tax Rate			
Classified Forest Land			\$46.74
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Total Amount of 1969 Taxes on Property and of Assessments Added to Taxes as Committed to Collector			\$1,037,272.20

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES — 1960		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$4.70	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		\$4.70
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	\$4.70	\$4.70
TAXES — 1961		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$16.45	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		\$16.45
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	\$16.45	\$16.45
TAXES — 1962		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$320.68	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		\$320.68
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	\$320.68	\$320.68
TAXES — 1963		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$53.03	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		\$53.03
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	\$53.03	\$53.03
TAXES — 1964		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$337.50	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		\$337.50
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	\$337.50	\$337.50
TAXES — 1965		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$414.81	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		\$414.81
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	\$414.81	\$414.81
TAXES — 1966		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$5,014.07	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		\$5,014.07
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	\$5,014.07	\$5,014.07

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## TAXES — 1967

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$12,260.26	
Interest Collected	184.35	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$3,612.71
Personal		65.80
Motor Vehicle Excise		22.00
Interest		184.35
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		8,559.75
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	\$12,444.61	\$12,444.61

## TAXES — 1968

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1969	\$115,292.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	6,637.79	
Real Estate Refunds	1,236.38	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	1,184.44	
Interest Collected	1,686.52	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$84,687.60
Personal		2,120.72
Motor Vehicle Excise		21,068.02
Farm Animal Excise		260.33
Interest Collected		1,686.52
Abatements:		
Real Estate		1,671.15
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,556.95
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		11,985.84
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	\$126,037.13	\$126,037.13

## TAXES — 1969

Real Estate Commitments	\$972,156.50
Personal Property Commitments	69,442.30
Classified Forest Land Commitment	46.74
Farm Animal Commitment	169.43
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment	123,940.36
Real Estate Refunds	4,090.68

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

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Personal Property Refunds	90.63	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	2,276.18	
Interest Collected	264.28	
Taxes Collected:		
Real Estate		\$883,600.54
Personal Property		65,009.97
Motor Vehicle Excise		95,875.56
Classified Forest Land		19.38
Interest Collected		264.28
Abatements:		
Real Estate		19,862.29
Personal		127.68
Motor Vehicle Excise		5,631.28
Transfer to Tax Title		8.89
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1969		102,077.23
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	\$1,172,477.10	\$1,172,477.10

## RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	\$971,900.85
Personal Property	67,196.49
Classified Forest Land	19.38
Farm Animal Excise	260.33
Motor Vehicle Excise	116,965.58
Interest	2,135.15
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	\$1,158,477.78

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. SMALLMAN,  
Collector of Taxes



# **BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Term expires 1970:

Richard P. Chadwick  
Winthrop P. Haynes  
Mrs. Earle O. Latham

Term expires 1971:

Mrs. Edward Dodd  
(resigned, 1969)  
Mrs. Martin Murphy  
(appointed July, 1969)  
John F. G. Eichorn, Jr.  
Milton E. Lord

Term expires 1972:

Mrs. Clark H. Gowen  
Frederick G. Lehmann  
Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas

Chairman . . . . .	Milton E. Lord
Vice Chairman . . . . .	Mrs. Clark H. Gowen
Secretary . . . . .	Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas
Boxford Town Librarian . . . . .	Mrs. Warren W. Schaalman (resigned Aug. 31, 1969) Mrs. John R. Benson (appointed Oct. 29, 1969)

In 1969 the Boxford Town Library continued the steady growth which began at the end of 1966 when the Town took over the provision of library service to the people of Boxford as an overall town responsibility.

Prior to 1966 the existing two private libraries had been open only a limited number of hours on three afternoons a week, with even more limited evening hours. By contrast in 1969 the two libraries at the two ends of the town were each open five afternoons a week from 2 to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and two evenings a week from 6 to 9 p.m. as well. Only additional evening hours may be needed soon or late to make this a pretty nearly ideal schedule for a town such as Boxford.

From 1966 to 1969 the number of books borrowed for home reading increased by 65 per cent. For 1969 as compared with 1968 the increase was 10.8 per cent. The total number of books circulated was 34,618.

The number of registered borrowers increased in 1969 by 17 per cent over 1968. The resulting total of 2054 in 1969 represents 59 per cent of the residents of the town (based on a population estimate of 3500). While such a figure is, of course, only an indication of potential use, it is nevertheless significant as representing a notably high proportion in comparison with most towns.

The book collections have been steadily improved, both by weeding and by acquisition. More than 1600 volumes were added during the year. The Town Library budget has made an excellent provision of funds for the purpose. In addition the Trustees of the two private library corporations have made substantial credits available for the purchase of books.

All of this reflects remarkable progress in three years' time.

The budgetary provision to have made it possible has been necessarily a source of concern to the Town Library Trustees. They have wanted to assure themselves that they are operating a library service efficiently and at reasonable cost. To this end a thoroughgoing and authoritative study was undertaken in the first half of 1969 to evaluate Boxford's library performance and costs in comparison with the experience of the 54 other Massachusetts towns in the population range of 2500-4500.

This was a highly complex undertaking. Adequate comparisons can be achieved only by comparing "likes" with "likes"; only comparative figures that have been evaluated and adjusted accordingly turn out to be meaningful.

Among the items examined in the course of the study were the following:

1. the minimum standard for adequate financial support of small town libraries, as promulgated by the American Library Association and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
2. the ability to pay for library service, as reflected from the equalized valuations of the towns

3. circulation per capita of population
4. circulation per borrower
5. number of borrowers
6. operating costs per capita of population
7. cost per book circulated
8. expenditures for books per capita of population
9. expenditures for salaries per capita of population
10. comparison of salaries of head librarians

The findings indicate that Boxford can be credited with a library performance that is efficient, indeed of a high order, in comparison with most of its sister towns, and at a cost that is reasonable and defensible in the light of the problems inherent in the Boxford situation. Examples of the latter are its geographical characteristics, its low density of population in a large overall area, its two population centers in what are in effect two separate communities with two separate libraries, the lack of adequate and modern physical library facilities, etc.

In respect to the latter, the Town Library Trustees have had at work during the past nine months a special Committee on Planning. Its task has been to undertake a basic exploration of the library needs of the town. To this end it has made studies of population distribution and potential growth for a period of 15 to 20 years to come. It has conferred with representatives of the Town Planning Board, the Town Finance Committee, the Elementary School Committee, the Masconomet Regional High School Library, and it intends to initiate conversations also with representatives of the library programs in Topsfield and Middleton. The final report, when ready, will be presented by the Town Library Trustees to the citizens of Boxford at a forthcoming town meeting.

In the meantime efforts have been made to adapt present physical facilities for improved use insofar as possible. A notable development was the inauguration of a new separate Children's Room at the Boxford Village Library in season for Chil-

dren's Book Week in November. This has proved happily to have been a major accomplishment. A similar development needs next to be achieved at the West Boxford Library.

Highly active in helping to develop the new Children's Room was the newly reactivated group of Friends of the Boxford Library. To have so enthusiastic a group interested in Boxford's two libraries augurs well for Boxford's library programs. The Town Library Trustees are deeply appreciative of the interest and devotion thus displayed. It is the kind of support that is vitally necessary to the well-being of Boxford's libraries.

The year 1969 was marked by a change in the Boxford Town Librarianship. Mrs. Selma O. Schaalman, who had been Boxford's first Town Librarian on a full-time professional basis, found it necessary for personal reasons to resign as of August 31st. The Trustees noted her three years of service with appreciation and gratitude. On October 29th they appointed Mrs. John R. Benson to be her successor. Mrs. Benson, a resident of West Boxford and a long-time member of the Boxford library staff, is a certified professional librarian. The Trustees have noted with great satisfaction Mrs. Benson's performance to date as their Boxford Town Librarian.

The Town Library Trustees acknowledge with gratitude the friendly help and aid of many individuals and groups. The Couples Club of the First Congregational Church at Boxford Village made once again a contribution from the proceeds of its Spring Library Dance, this time toward the furnishings of the new Children's Room at Boxford Village. Flowers and other decorations have been donated by interested gardeners and garden groups. Book exhibits have been arranged by individual members of the Friends of the Library. Story hours have been provided at each of the libraries. Numerous individuals have given books and periodicals. Others have been generous of their time. Grateful thanks are extended to all, and in particular to the members of the library staff.

A final word is due from me as Chairman of the Town Library Trustees to express appreciation to my fellow Trustees for their loyalty and devotion to the Town Library and



its work. One of them in particular — Dr. Winthrop P. Haynes — is this year retiring after a long and fruitful participation in furthering Boxford library interests. He will be greatly missed from our midst.

For the Town Library Trustees,  
MILTON E. LORD,  
Chairman

Gifts and bequests are always welcome and may be addressed to the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library.

**DOG OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1969**

114 Dogs were reported lost.

11 Dogs were disposed of that were killed on various town roads.

19 Restraining orders were issued.

17 Stray dogs were picked up and held the required 10 days, then disposed of as follows:

7 were claimed by their owners,

8 were unclaimed and sold,

2 were disposed of as unfit for adoption.

All dogs three months of age and over must be licensed by April 1st of each year. Penalties for failure to license will cost the owner up to \$15 fine, plus the license fee and \$2 per day for each day the dog is held by the Town. No dog will be released until proof of license has been furnished by the owner.

DONALD E. HUGHES,  
Dog Officer

**1969 REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING**

Examined:            215 Cattle            83 Calves            100 Sheep

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. GAMANS, JR.

ARTHUR G. SMITH

Inspectors of Slaughtering

**REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR**

	No. of New Houses	Cost of New Houses	Cost of New Garages	Cost of Additions & Alt.	Cost of Swim'ng Pools	Cost of Barns
Jan.	5	\$ 195,000		\$ 165	\$ 500	
Feb.	2	65,000				
Mar.				3,000		\$1,925
April	7	193,000		6,400		
May	4	160,000		12,500		



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	No. of New Houses	Cost of New Houses	Cost of New Garages	Cost of Additions & Alt.	Cost of Swim'ng Pools	Cost of Barns
June	5	250,000	\$1,700	5,900	5,800	
July	6	253,700		9,300		2,000
Aug.	1	42,000		13,872		
Sept.	6	208,000		2,000	3,500	1,300
Oct.	1	40,000	750	2,700	4,000	1,100
Nov.				9,375		
Dec.	18	674,000		9,000	800	200
	<hr/> 55	<hr/> \$2,080,000	<hr/> \$2,450	<hr/> \$74,212	<hr/> \$14,600	<hr/> \$6,525

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,

Building Inspector

## REPORT OF GAS INSPECTOR FOR 1969

26 permits issued ..... Article 4, section 1  
 15 permits issued ..... Article 4, sections 2 and 3

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER W. STARRETT,

Gas Inspector

## REPORT OF WIRE INSPECTOR FOR 1969

127 permits issued

314 inspections

Receipts — Electrical Fees:

Jan. 1, 1969 to Dec. 31, 1969

\$1,417.50

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,

Wire Inspector

**REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Spraying was carried out this year in town for Dutch Elm Disease with (Methoxycylor), a non-toxic spray which has been used previously.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT HEBB,  
Moth Superintendent

**REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

Trimming and painting has been carried on at both ends of town. Twenty-five large Maples have been removed and carried away, also a number of assorted small trees.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT HEBB,  
Tree Warden

**REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

The Tree Warden has reported that 22 Diseased Elm Trees have been taken down and burned.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT HEBB,  
Moth Superintendent

**REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

54 Permits issued with no problems.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD R. GALLOWAY

## BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission is presently up-dating and preparing a map inventorying non-taxable lands of the town. This, it is hoped, may dramatize our need for further land acquisition in critical areas. The Commission, though active with other problems, has not acquired any land for conservation purposes, this despite offers made to the heirs of Charles Chaplin for two eminently suitable pieces of property, one adjoining the Phillips Wildlife Sanctuary, the other in close proximity to conservancy districts in the Cedar Pond development. Essex County was singled out at an Essex Conservation District Tour held last October as dragging its feet in land acquisition programs. This, we feel, should be remedied as promptly as possible. We would, therefore, urge citizens of the town to make back lands, marshes, swamps, in fact any kind of land available to the Commission by purchase, easement or gift. One cannot in these days of environmental crisis stress too emphatically the necessity of maintaining a healthy ecology, and to do so means conservation of a reasonable amount of land in its natural state.

Objectives accomplished have been the following:

1. A persistent effort to guide the layout of the Holmcrest development so as to avoid pollution of Pye Brook. This was done with the assistance of the local Board of Health and the State Department of Natural Resources.
2. Strong concurrence with the Board of Appeals decision that no permit be granted to the Boxford Realty Corporation to soil strip Lot 1B off Ipswich Road.
3. Advice given to Mr. Nippe as to the location of houses around Cedar Pond with the idea of preserving an exceptionally fine stand of swamp cedars around the pond.
4. Calling the attention of the highway department to the necessity of providing culverts of adequate size on Herrick Road to facilitate proper drainage of adjacent swampy areas.

Despite pressure put on Mr. Bruce Gullion of DNR to purchase that portion of the Holmes estate adjoining the

Phillips Wildlife Sanctuary as compensation for the loss of forested land suffered by the Boxford State Forest because of the presently cancelled ABM site in that area, no action was taken by the State. Thus another piece of splendid forest land has fallen to an outside developer with all of its implications of a soaring tax rate.

The Commission heartily approves of the State ban on the use of chlorinated hydrocarbons as insecticides.

We note with much regret the resignation of one of our members, Mrs. Carlyle Thomas, whose energy, enthusiasm and sparkle are sorely missed. She is presently devoting these to the needs of the Town Library.

The Commission, as well as the town, has sustained a great loss in the death of one of its former members. Dr. Stuart Harris. His knowledge of the whole ecological picture, his love and struggle for retention of those simple outdoor pleasures that Boxford still uniquely affords, his devotion to teaching as well as research in the biological sciences, qualified him as a human being whose services were of extra-ordinary value to the town and society in general. We mourn his passing.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBSON W. SHELLEY,

Chairman

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Boxford:

The police report below is only a partial list of the work carried out by your local Police Department. As in previous years many unclassified activities, investigations and complaints are satisfactorily settled to all concerned.

The following is a report of the Police Department and the activities of the year 1969.

Ambulance Runs	60	Motor Vehicle	
Arrests	25	Violations Issued	
Complaints	656	Warnings	104
Court Appearances	74	Complaints	44
Drownings	1	Arrests	6
Fire Calls	44	Narcotics	1
Gun Reg. Applications	96	Persons — Intoxicated	6
Homicide	1	Lost	3
Housebreaks	47	Missing	21
Attempted	3	Suspicious	33
Camp	4	Pistol Permits	52
Larceny	14	Property Checks	1667
Motor Vehicle		Doors Found Open	18
Accidents	64	Summons Delivered	95
Fatal	1	Telephone Call on	
Defective Equip. Tags	100	Blue Line (logged)	5289
Disabled	114	Est. Calls	
Recovered	9	(not logged)	4500
Stolen	7	Total	9789
Towed	39	Suspicious Motor	
		Vehicles	148

As in previous years the work load of your Police Department has increased. This past year has evidenced a much more serious drug problem, which is not only local but national in scope. We are feeling the effects of this in many ways, mainly in the rising incidence of crime. A large percentage of the increase of crimes is due to persons with a narcotic problem committing them to get money to feed their habits. Evidence



of this problem can be seen in our community by the numerous house breaks. The drug problem has also changed the young adults attitude toward the Police Officer. They have lost the respect for the Police Officer and what he represents. Assaults on police officers have risen and the general attitude of our youth has taken on a more hostile complexion.

In August of this year we hired a combination Blue Phone Operator and Secretary who works in the station and has been a great asset to the department. This has allowed the officers to maintain patrol and not be tied down in the station with paper work. This has also alleviated all but the original hand written report to be done by the officer.

This year I feel that Boxford should have twenty-four hour coverage. The Police Department has the responsibility of protecting life and property. Ninety-five percent of the calls that are received after the cruiser goes out of service are of an emergency nature. A great number of operators stopped in the early morning hours have a record. This would mean the addition of two more permanent men in order to maintain a two man patrol at night. The evening shift would be handled by a full time officer and a part time officer. The early morning shift will be handled by two full time men. This will bring the force to four permanent men.

This year David L. Ladd and Paul M. Bates were appointed as part time officers. Officers Fred D. Newell and Harold O. Sederquest, of the part time force, were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In May, John P. Curran was appointed as a Patrolman and promoted to Sergeant in November. In December, Robert M. Woodbury was appointed as a Patrolman, giving the department three full time officers and ten part time officers.

Sgt. John Curran attended a one week course on narcotics sponsored by the Mass. State Police. It was held in November at their headquarters and dealt with drug effects, recognition, and the laws relating thereto.

Sgt. Curran is also the Safety Officer for Boxford, and this year has been spending one day each week at the High School lecturing on safety and drugs. This is the first time we have at-

tempted a police function of this nature and it has proven to be quite successful. It has enlightened the youth's viewpoint regarding the role of the police officer, as related to the drug and safety problem.

Each year the police officer's job has become more difficult. The U.S. Supreme Court has passed down many decisions which limit the officer in conducting his investigations. Therefore, today's officer must continue his education to improve his techniques and methods.

I am including in my budget enough money so that our men can attend a six week course at the State Police Training Academy which I attended in 1966. There is no cost to the town except for the officer's salary and the supplies that he needs for the training course. The law officer of today must know the law and how to apply it. Today we are dealing with the new sophisticated type of criminal.

In November of this year Boxford experienced its most serious and shocking crime of this century. Shocking not only to the citizens of the town but also for the many towns and cities around Boxford. An extensive investigation by the District Attorney's office, Boxford Police and the State Police combined in making every effort to solve this brutal crime. We have received and sifted information from all over New England as well as other parts of the United States.

Hundreds of man hours have been spent on this investigation and many more will be in the future so that the responsible party or parties can be brought to justice.

Even though Boxford is a small country town, violence can strike here. We are not immune. It is our hope that our efforts have kept this type of problem at a minimum and that we can continue to do so in the future.

It is not my desire to see how much money I can spend yearly, but rather my responsibility to provide protection and coverage to the townspeople as adequately and efficiently as possible.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Boxford Fire Department, the various other town departments, the Selectmen, the State Police, the police from surrounding

towns, and the personnel of my department for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

I would like to express my appreciation to David S. Waters for the donation of the resuscitator for our cruiser. The resuscitator in our present cruiser was also donated by David Waters.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. WARREN,  
Chief of Police

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The year 1969 has seen a sharp drop in new subdivision activity in Boxford reflecting the tightness of the money markets generally. Only one new subdivision plan (involving 17 lots) was received and approved by the Board during the year. Final approval was given to several plans under consideration as of the start of 1969.

During the year the Board has strengthened certain administrative aspects of subdivision control, introducing a new system of covenant agreements prior to plan approval and improving the terms and conditions of bonds and similar methods by which the interests of the Town are secured in the construction of newly approved streets.

We have become increasingly aware of the Board's need for professional consulting assistance during the preliminary consideration of new subdivision plans. Our need particularly is for an informed and professional evaluation of the soundness of the proposed road lay-out and related drainage specifications — and later for counsel at critical stages during the actual construction of the road and its related drainage system. We hope to find some way in which the Board can retain such assistance — on a reasonable, specialized basis and only in cases when it would be of advantage to the Town to do so.

During the latter part of the year we have finalized proposals for certain changes in the Zoning By-Law — most of them developed in cooperation with the members of the Zon-

ing Enforcement Committee. A public hearing on these changes is to be held on January 26, 1970.

In recent years a number of communities throughout the country have undertaken on a limited basis some new and very interesting development concepts. Sensing the need for a response to the oncoming reality of overpowering housing needs and doubtful of the future economic viability of a purely single family residence community, they have moved on their own, and on a limited scale in some new directions. These communities clearly have reasoned that by acting on their own initiative (rather than reacting to requirements imposed by economic necessity or by government) they not only could respond to the very real problems mentioned, but could do so in attractive ways that would harmonize effectively with or perhaps even enhance the basic character and environment that they want to preserve for their community. We have been studying some of these concepts and hope during 1970 to improve the understanding of the Board and the community in this regard.

The Board extends the sincere appreciation of the entire community, to Mr. J. Warren Chadwick and Mr. William E. Dorman for their generous contribution of time and talent while serving for so many years on the Planning Board of this town.

Boxford Planning Board

DAVID L. PITT,  
Chairman



**REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

The following services were performed by this Department during 1969:

Discharge(copy)	75
Discharge (recorded)	24
Photostats	500
Education and Training	34
Loan Guaranty	17
Statement of Disability for	
Tax Abatement	12
Annual Income Questionnaire	97
Compensation	14
Pension	22
Burial Allowance	16
Headstone	13
Medical and Dental	35
Hospitalization	15
Outpatient Treatment	22
Insurance	15
Power of Attorney	54
Vietnam Bonus Applications	46

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

District Director

**NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE**

	<b>N. Andover</b>	<b>Boxford</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance Carried Over from 1968	\$8.93	\$3.34	\$12.27
Appropriated in 1969, Section II			
Chapter 660, Acts of 1963	1,088.26	171.74	1,260.00
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	\$1,097.19	\$175.08	\$1,272.27



## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

Expended to December 31, 1969	1,098.54	173.36	1,271.90
	<u>\$ (1.45)</u>	<u>\$1.72</u>	<u>\$ .37</u>
(A) Basis of Apportionment Chapter 660, Acts of 1963. An Act establishing the basis for Apportionment of State and County Taxes.			
North Andover	\$26,718.00	.8637 per cent	
Boxford	4,216.00	.1363 per cent	

JAMES J. MAKER, District Treasurer  
District Department of Veterans Service

**NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE**

Bernard W. Bingham, Salary	\$1,200.00
New England Telephone, Services	55.90
McGrail Insurance Agency, Treasurers Bond	6.00
Veterans Information — G. Spilman, Director	10.00
	<u>\$1,271.90</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
BERNARD W. BINGHAM,  
Agent

**REPORT OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Boxford Fire Department submits the following report for 1969.

Total Runs Made			
Buildings	7	False	3
Brush and Grass	43	Car Accidents	4
Dump	5	Electrical and Heating	
Car Fires	12	Appliances	7
Chimney	3	Mutual Aid	5
Cellar Pumping	8	Drowning	1
		Miscellaneous	11

The number of fires this year has remained approximately the same as last year, despite the increase of population, and due in part to the fact that it was a comparatively wet year. The number of cellar pumping calls was greatly reduced, because most residents have become aware of their water problems and have taken steps to solve them.

The new forest fire truck was delivered in March and has lived up to our expectations quite well. The department training program was well received again this year with sixteen men completing the program.

Fire Prevention programs have been conducted in the schools and for various scout organizations and the reception has been gratifying.

In November, we were requested by the Police Department, to conduct a search for a missing child and this developed into an extensive search operation with assistance from many organizations and concerned citizens.

Written permits for outdoor fires other than in approved incinerators are required and permits may be obtained through the following red-line operators:

Mrs. Robert P. Parkhurst  
Ipswich Road

Mrs. George A. Gould  
Topsfield Road

Mrs. Peter Perkins  
Main Street

Mrs. C. Richard Cunningham  
Ipswich Road

I am greatly indebted to the personnel and emergency phone operators of the department for their excellent work this year. It is gratifying to know that there are people willing to give so much of themselves for the good of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. KILLAM,

Chief of Fire Department

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE**

In 1969 upon the completion of the Spofford Pond School, the Recreation Committee was able to establish a second little league baseball field at the school. This committee's major expenses are committed to the maintenance of these baseball fields at the three schools and at the Boy Scout Park.

At the request of interested parents in the fall the Recreation Committee assumed the responsibility of the Boxford Youth Center located at the Gardner Morse School. This is being staffed by volunteers and is open weekends and also week-day afternoons during part of the year.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Mrs. Shirley McGill who retired in the spring as chairman of the Recreation Committee after many years of devoted service. Also we give a vote of thanks to the West Boxford Men's Softball Team who contributed much of their time and effort towards improving the Gardner Morse baseball field.

The long range goals of the Recreation Committee seem to be directed toward the establishment of tennis courts and possible future swimming areas. The committee meets regularly in the Town Hall at 8 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month. We welcome the public to attend our meetings and offer suggestions.

A. GORDON PRICE, Chairman  
WILLIAM ABBOTT, JR.  
ROBERT CAVANAUGH  
JOHN HUDSON  
EDWARD McILVAINE

## **REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

During the storms of February Boxford and Topsfield Civil Defense with the cooperation of Masconomet opened the school for the purpose of helping motorists stranded in this area. All the facilities of the school were used for a period of three days with a total of approximately 1500 persons being assisted.

Various meetings were attended at the State level concerning Civil Defense matters.

The cooperation of Town officials and department heads is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

GORDON A. RUSSELL,

Director

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

It is with regret that the Board of Health accepted the resignation of Charles Pinkham II. Mr. Pinkham had served on the Board for the past six years, the last three as chairman.

A clinic for children and adults was sponsored by the Board of Health last spring. Over 100 state-supplied vaccines and boosters were administered. The three nurses, Mrs. Betty Hunter, Mrs. Jane Dustin and Mrs. Una Bakewell, who worked on the clinic were very happy with the enthusiastic response.

Dr. Buell Bassette held his annual rabies clinic in May and inoculated 125 dogs. Residents are asked to notify Town Hall of animals found dead and they will be removed.

Infectious diseases reported to the State during 1969 were as follows:

Mumps .....	16
Animal Bite .....	8
Measles .....	5
Scarlet Fever .....	1
Salmonella .....	1

A two-week schedule of water testing was held in July at all of the swimming areas in town.

As most townspeople know by now, the town operates an open burning dump. The Board of Health pays a part-time caretaker to supervise the disposal and burning of trash and keeps the dump open to residents every day except Monday and Tuesday. In addition to the salary of the caretaker, there are other expenses incurred in running a dump, such as hiring a bulldozer to move trash and brush, the measures taken



to reduce rodents and insects, etc. This past year a snow fence was put up and a road around the dump was improved to meet Fire Department recommendations.

The town does not have a collection service for its residents, although private contractors are available. Because many dumps in the area have been closed in recent years, these contractors who collect rubbish in Boxford are permitted to dump at the town facility. Naturally this has added to the operating costs. Many residents have been seriously inconvenienced because they are not allowed to dispose of garbage at the dump. On a recent visit to Boxford, the State Inspector was not optimistic about our being able to operate the dump much longer.

At last year's town meeting a committee was appointed to study the waste disposal problem. This committee, and similar committees from Topsfield and Wenham all agreed that a sanitary land fill operation would be the most satisfactory solution. Briefly, a compressed mixture of trash and garbage would be dumped into pits on land set aside for the purpose. Each evening the pit would be covered over with a specified depth of gravel. According to the General Laws, the costs of such an operation could be shared by several towns. Suitable land must be found and acquired, more accurate estimates of cost obtained, and legal counsel obtained before the recommendations of the study committees could be implemented. The report of the study committee follows.

Board of Health

UNA K. BAKEWELL, Acting Chairman  
HARRY L. COLE



## **REPORT OF THE BOXFORD-TOPSFIELD-WENHAM HEALTH DISTRICT**

Established under the provisions of Section 27A, Chapter 111 of the General Laws, the towns of Boxford, Topsfield and Wenham members of said district, completed its second year of operation. An exceptionally good working relationship exists between municipal boards and departments which ultimately influences the residents environment.

The district adopted its first health regulation which provides for the control of private well water supplies. It provides, in part, that no building permit be issued, where municipal or other approved water supplies are not available, until a well is installed, pump tested analyzed bacterially and chemically in order to insure a safe and adequate water supply for the proposed dwelling.

Due to varying factors, solid waste disposal remains as the major health concern for each of the towns. The health district was instrumental in having a refuse disposal planning committee appointed in each town. Comprehensive studies have been made by each committee and it has been mutually agreed that establishment of a regional refuse disposal district, to include the towns of Boxford, Topsfield and Wenham, could provide a sane, sensible and economically feasible long-range solution to this problem. With these objectives in mind, the committees have formed a regional refuse planning board which eventually will report and make recommendations for the acceptance of a proposed agreement by the townships.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. ROMANSKI, R.S.,

Director of Public Health

### **Report of Percolation Tests in 1969**

80 percolation tests performed. 7 re-tests performed

4 Lots found unsatisfactory for construction on the basis of tests.

Lot # 8 Glendale Road

Lot #19 Cole Drive, corner of Maple

Lot # 6 Burning Bush Drive

Lot # 7 Burning Bush Drive

52 new construction permits issued for the year.

### **Treasurer's Report — B.T.W. District Health Office**

JANUARY 1, 1969 — DECEMBER 31, 1969

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 1969 \$393.38

#### **RECEIPTS:**

##### **Assessments — Member Towns:**

Boxford (40%) \$4,800.00

Topsfield (40%) 4,800.00

Wenham (20%) 2,400.00

Comm. of Mass. — Employer Comp. WT 3.16

Interest Earned on Gen. Fund

Deposits 219.25    12,222.41

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\$12,615.79

#### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

1969 Treasury Warrants \$12,051.31

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CASH BALANCE, December 31, 1969 \$564.48

Submitted,

FRANCIS F. PERRY,

Treasurer

### **REPORT OF THE BOXFORD WATER AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**

The mapping of well sites in East Boxford and on the Town Forest property in West Boxford, following testing for quality by the State, was completed in 1969. These maps were a necessary requisite prior to a hearing which will be held in Boston to determine the protection the state of Massachusetts deems necessary for the ground water sources.

The committee recommends that the next step for the proper development of the future town water supply be in the investigation of sites for water storage for fire protection and future distribution. Further, the committee recommends that a consultant be retained to assist in selecting these sites.

The committee appreciates the cooperation it has received from the selectmen and those citizens of the town with whom they have been in contact.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM A. CHENEY, Chairman  
PATRICIA A. BAILLY, Clerk  
BUELL BASSETTE  
DONALD SCUTIERE  
CLAYTON NELSON

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In addition to their regular duties, Selectmen continued during the year to participate in events in nearby communities, and were represented at County and State meetings and elsewhere.

On February 6 the Town's new police cruiser was delivered. On February 9 and again on February 24 there were 18-inch snowfalls which created serious travelling conditions. The First Congregational Church was used as overnight shelter for a busload of people stranded in town and the Masconomet School was used by the Civil Defense agencies to shelter more than a thousand motorists on February 9th and 10th. Boxford's share of the expense was \$201.39. Severe spring flooding was anticipated and the town purchased a thousand sandbags at 20 cents each, but fortunately very few were needed.

The new four-wheel drive Forestry Fire Truck was received on April 19th, and in December a second police cruiser was delivered.

The West Boxford Improvement Society's annual Clean-Up Day was very successful. Plastic bags distributed to householders to contain picked up roadside trash were collected later in the day by the Highway Department and others and taken to the dump.

A duplicating machine purchased in May has proved to be a very useful piece of equipment. New town maps were ordered early in the year and are sold for 60 cents each.

Memorial Day Observance was held on May 26th with appropriate exercises under the efficient direction of American Legion Post No. 379. Later in the year the Post was officially re-named James L. Melvin Legion Post No. 379, and the Selectmen were invited to attend the installation of officers.

Due to the resignation of Selectman Clayton B. Larrabee, a special election was held on June 9th and Mrs. Ruth E. Race, the first woman to hold the position in Boxford, won handily in a field of four candidates.



The entire Sixth Representative District was saddened by the death of William Bates who had so efficiently served the district since February 14, 1950. The town was represented at the calling hours in Salem on June 25th.

The annual Fourth of July celebration, with a parade of fire engines, floats, Scouts and representatives from some of the summer camps was a success. Refreshments and sports were at the school grounds as usual.

In September Edgar Kelley and Col. Earl Brown were negotiating with the New England Telephone Company to increase the free calling area of the 887 exchange to include Lawrence, Rowley and Ipswich.

In October the Selectmen's weekly meetings were changed from Friday at 5:00 P.M. to Monday at 8:00 P.M.

On October 16th a testimonial luncheon was held in Boston for Henry Wilkins, a retiring state engineer who for many years had been in this district and had been of great assistance to the town on many occasions.

Again this year the Massachusetts Electric Company invited the Selectmen to attend a symposium on street lighting which was held at the new Marriott Motor Hotel on Route 128 in Newton. There were 300 persons present to enjoy a very interesting and instructive meeting.

The new town garage off Spofford Road was completed and the Highway Department moved to this location in the fall. The hot air duct in the Selectmen's rooms at the Town Hall was replaced, but no further renovations were accomplished this year.

### Highways

The Chapter 90 Construction funds were allocated to Washington Street for 1969. However, this area had to be surveyed and laid out by the County Engineer and hearings scheduled, so that no actual construction work was possible during 1969.

Middleton Road was completed to the area shown on State plans as subject to change when Route 95 is widened.

Culverts on Cross and Mill Roads and Main Street and Oak Ridge Road were replaced. Reimbursement under Flood



Relief was received for this work. The culvert on Towne Road which is a more difficult project was laid out, but fall rains have made it impractical to attempt the work as yet.

Early in the year Reynold Nippe and William E. Dorman, owners of land adjacent to Herrick Road, approached the town with a proposal to improve a section of the road. The town appropriated \$10,000 for hot top on the mile section which was rebuilt by Mr. Dorman and Mr. Nippe. Their contribution of land, material, and money for this improvement is an outstanding donation and we extend our sincere thanks to both of these men. It is said that history repeats itself. In 1912 Lewis Kennedy Morse donated \$4,000 and the land to relocate a section of Main Street from the Palmer School to the land of Russell, and in 1945 Edward J. Holmes paid \$9,705.77 and gave the necessary land to relocate a section of Middleton Road from a point near the residence of Mrs. John Hitchcock to what is now the southerly intersection of Curtis Road.

Late in the year hot top was applied on King George Drive, at the intersection of Georgetown and Ipswich Roads, and on a section of Georgetown Road northward from the church.

Traffic control and safety features have been under study by the Selectmen and the Police and Highway Departments during the year, and signs, lines, and increased lighting are planned.

A desolating experience for the entire town was the tragic death of Michelle Wilson in November. The sympathy of the entire town goes out to this family, whose courage has been an inspiration to all who know them.

Interested West Boxford residents asked for use of the Gardner Morse School to be used as a recreation center for the town's young people. Citizens contributed necessary equipment and volunteered their help. The Recreation Committee has shared in the expense, and the center has operated since last fall.

We wish to thank all of the citizens of the town who have served on committees and in other ways assisted us in our duties, and assure them that we will endeavor to operate

municipal affairs as economically as possible under the prevailing uncertain conditions.

For the Board of Selectmen  
HARRY L. COLE, Chairman  
JOHN EVANS  
RUTH E. RACE

### **REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**

In general the Forest is in good shape between Oak Ridge Road and Main St., but work needs to be done on roads and removing trees which are down between Lake Shore Road and Oak Ridge Road to ensure access for fire equipment to all areas.

Owing to a lack of available labor at desired times there was no expenditure from the fund appropriated for 1969. The Committee will endeavor to clean up this work early in 1970.

It is also planned to enlist the help of some of the Scout Groups to improve the Forest.

STANWOOD MORSS  
ROBERT B. PARKHURST  
WINTHROP P. HAYNES, Clerk

### **THE ESSEX COUNTY, REVERE, WINTHROP, NORTH READING, MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

2 February 1970

A report of work accomplished by the Essex County, Revere, Winthrop, and North Reading Mosquito Control Project in the Town of Boxford during 1969.

Winter prehatch or ice dusting for larval control	61 Acres
Spring larviciding with Abate	17 Acres

Days during the summer when Project equipment fogged or sprayed to control the adult mosquitoes.

June 10, 17, 18

July 1, 8, 15, 18, 22, 29

August 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 19

During 12 working days between November 18 and December 23, the Project crews spent 480 man hours in the King's Forest development eliminating manually and with power equipment several chronic mosquito breeding sites, the largest of which was located to the rear of the Behrens property on King George Drive. One of the Project tractors was employed in this area for two days installing a ditch which drained approximately one acre of shallow mosquito producing waters.

ROBERT W. SPENCER

PETER BEDROSIAN

## **INTERIM REPORT FROM REGIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Board of Selectmen

Boxford

Massachusetts 01921

In recognition of the critical nature of the matter of solid waste disposal with which the Town of Boxford is confronted, the Town Meeting of March 1969 decreed that a committee be established to give the matter appropriate study and, in particular, to explore the desirability of joining the towns of Topsfield and Wenham, Massachusetts, in a Regional Solid Waste Disposal District.

There can be little or no doubt that the existing disposal site is in constant jeopardy. The necessary practice of burning refuse places the entire operation out of step with the provisions of Section 150A, Chapter 111, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, which provides among other things that "Dumping sites shall be maintained and operated in such a

manner as will protect the public health, comfort, and convenience and prevent a nuisance or danger to the public health by reason of odor, dust, fires, smoke, the breeding or harboring of rodents, flies, or vermin, or other cause."

The matter of alternatives was considered at length. The committee met with similar study groups from a number of Massachusetts towns with similar problems.

The opinions of a major waste disposal contractor serving the City of Boston were heard.

The recommendations of an expert on the matter of solid waste disposal were heard and considered; his position on disposal techniques, while not directed explicitly to the Boxford problem, were applicable and useful.

The possibility of Federal or State financial aid was explored with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Neither source has funds available for projects of this nature at this time.

Our neighboring state, Rhode Island, has explored the matter in detail and the committee was able to profitably review their experiences and findings.

In the interest of brevity and minimizing unnecessary detail, the many factors considered, together with associated rationale, will be omitted; it is, however, the recommendation of this committee that the Town of Boxford adopt the "sanitary landfill" approach to solid waste disposal.

The advisability of the Town becoming a member of a Regional Solid Waste Disposal District was considered at length.

The principal advantage seemingly inherent in a waste disposal district is the reduction in cost to each of the participating towns.

As the result of joint exploration of the problem by committees from the towns of Wenham, Topsfield, and Boxford, a potential site (located principally within the Town of Topsfield) has been identified. Very preliminary estimates concerning land acquisition, equipment, and labor costs have been discussed.



The committees representing the three towns are in agreement that there is sufficient merit and promise in the proposed Wenham-Topsfield-Boxford District to warrant the establishment of a Regional Disposal Board in order that it may proceed with the necessary professional analysis of such items as land appraisal and engineering analysis of soil suitability.

The Town is being asked to authorize the sum of \$1,000 to be added to similar amounts requested of the towns of Topsfield and Wenham, said money to be available to the Disposal Board to cover costs associated with the professional services previously mentioned.

Upon completion of its detailed cost analysis, the Regional Board would present to each town a report outlining the service envisioned, together with the costs. It should be noted that the sanitary landfill process demands collection of refuse at curbside and delivery to the site in an orderly, regimented manner. The public is not normally allowed access. It should also be noted that the method accepts garbage and is not limited to solid or dry refuse.

While your committee has recommended joining with Topsfield and Wenham in the formation of a Regional Board for further study of the proposed district, it also believes that included in future considerations, and before any final judgments, should be an analysis of the possible conversion of the present site (Boxford Dump) to a sanitary landfill operation.

The principal consideration in weighing the two approaches is cost comparison. Services would be identical.

The Town, at its present site, owns approximately 48 acres, and with a need for about 2 acres of land per year for each 10,000 population, it is conceivable that the existing site could serve for many years. There is some question regarding the acceptability of some portions of the existing site with regard to soil characteristics and this matter would require further study.

It should be noted that the sanitary land fill process creates very useful real estate. The characteristics of the land



make it useful for a number of purposes, such as parks, golf courses, and similar uses.

Lying, as it does, in close proximity to the future municipal complex, reclamation of the existing dump area could be of considerable benefit.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY APPOINTMENT OF A REGIONAL BUILDING INSPECTOR**

The committee as charged in the 1969 Town Warrant, Article 12: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the appointment of a qualified Building Inspector on a regional basis"; after investigation and study has reached the conclusion that a Regional Building Inspector would not be suitable for the town of Boxford at this time.

The primary reasons for this decision are:

1. Steps have been taken to strengthen the Zoning By-Laws of the town of Boxford, enforcement by amendments to the Zoning By-Laws, Section 9D, 9E, 9F and Section 10D.

2. A regional Building Inspector would be a temporary arrangement deemed not suitable for Boxford with adjacent communities because of the difference of: growth factors, existing zoning, charged responsibilities and proportionate time expended relative to the cost and return vs. the now existing methods of Building Inspectors as utilized in these communities under consideration.

It is recommended, that a study group be initiated at once to consider the utilization of a "Town Engineer." This position to be a salaried town employee, preferably with a professional Civil Engineering background. Such a person would report directly to the Board of Selectmen, performing the following functions on a full time basis.

1. As Building Inspector
2. Professional advisory to the Town Planning Board
3. Professional advisory to the Highway Department

4. Professional advisory to the Board of Appeals.
5. Professional advisory to the Town Selectmen
6. Professional advisory to the Water and Drainage Committee
7. Professional advisory to other Town Committees and Departments having need of a qualified professional opinion and judgment.

In support of the above areas needing professional opinions and judgments, it must be noted that the majority of town officials elected and appointed are non-professionals who must assume the tremendous responsibility in areas often unfamiliar to their offices.

This committee feels the hiring of a "Town Engineer" within the next three years is the best possible way to exercise a continuance of the existing "volunteer citizen" government with professional guidance incurring the least expense, greatest return and protection for the rapidly growing Town of Boxford.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. MARSH  
ROBERT E. BORDEN  
EDWIN K. MERRILL

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT****RECEIPTS FOR 1969**

Frederick A. Smallman, Collector:

Taxes, Current year:

Real Estate	\$883,600.54
Personal Property	65,009.97

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\$948,610.51

Taxes, Previous years:

Real Estate	\$88,300.31
Personal Property	2,186.52

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90,486.83

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1967	\$22.00
Levy of 1968	21,068.02
Levy of 1969	95,875.56

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116,965.58

Classified Forest Land:

Levy of 1969	\$19.38
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19.38

Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1968	\$260.33
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

For Highways:

Chapter 90 Construction	\$10,572.94
Chapter 616	3,390.02
Chapter 81 Maintenance	18,975.00
Flood Relief	2,162.17

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35,100.13

## For Education:

Chapter 70, School Aid	\$129,149.99
Chapters 69 and 71, Special Education	2,835.56
Federal Grants — Title III	1,383.29
Federal Grants — Title I	2,388.00
Vocational Education	139.38
Regional School District	19,240.26
School Building Assistance	32,145.47
Transportation	27,307.74
State Aid to Libraries	502.50

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215,092.19

## For Taxes, etc.

State Tax Basis	\$40,426.63
Loss of Taxes	1,995.84
School Lunch Program	8,139.20

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50,561.67

## For Aid &amp; Relief:

Medical Assistance	\$554.19
Medical Assistance, U.S. Grant	574.81
Veteran's Services	1,612.15

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2,741.15

## County of Essex:

Chapter 90, Construction	\$5,286.47
Dog License Refund	705.19
Dog Board Refund	80.00

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\$6,071.66

## Trust and Investment Funds:

J. T. Barker Fund	\$1,300.00
Interest on School Funds	247.90
East Parish Library	182.41
West Parish Library	156.42

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1,886.73

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## Departmental Accounts:

Library	\$592.90
Board of Health	64.00
Appeal Board	105.00
School	330.41
Police	594.00
School Lunch Program	22,174.87
Highway	406.95

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 24,268.13

## Licenses and Permit:

Dog	\$1,076.25
Slaughter	25.00
Building and Sewerage	2,036.00
Electrical	1,317.50
Plumbing	485.50
Gas	261.00
Septic System Installers	120.00
Junk	2.00
Revolver	90.00
Milk	3.50
Ice Cream	5.00
Camp	3.50
Lord's Day	.50
Oleo	.50

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 5,426.25

## Unclassified:

Interest on Deposits	\$15,771.50
Interest on Taxes	2,135.15
Rent of Town Halls	136.00
Rent of Community House	198.00
Land Rent	10.00
Slaughter Inspection Refund	529.40
Court Fines	205.00
Sale of Dogs	24.00
Street List and Maps	64.22
Pay Station Commission	19.72



Departmental Refunds	534.14
Insurance Refunds	849.91
Revenue Loan	400,000.00
Miscellaneous	126.86

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 420,648.90
**TOTAL RECEIPTS**


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**\$1,918,139.44**
**Agency Accounts:**

Federal Withholding Tax	\$65,350.33
State Withholding Tax	12,556.74
Teachers Retirement	13,883.00
County Retirement	6,223.58
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	4,873.34
Life Insurance	223.30
Tax Sheltered Annuity	2,404.00
Pioneer (Federal) Credit Union	2,807.00
B.T.A. Dues	145.00

**EXPENDITURES FOR 1969****GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Selectmen	\$2,363.63
Board of Public Welfare	10.00
Assessors	3,440.10
Treasurer	3,556.88
Treasurer — 1968 Account	128.27
Town Clerk	678.05
Accountant	3,830.11
Collector	2,000.00
Registrars	166.25
Elections	1,069.90
Town Counsel	1,200.00
Water Source Survey	151.10
Conservation Fund	1,500.00

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Conservation Commission	45.00
Planning Board Space Study — 1967 Account	216.21
Planning Board	83.02
Appeal Board	591.87
Building Inspector	1,100.00
Wire Inspector	1,100.00
Gas Inspector	581.00
Plumbing Inspector	488.86
Finance Committee	20.00
Recreation Committee	2,720.08
Board of Health	9,585.99
Inspector of Slaughtering	564.01
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Child Guidance Center	600.80

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 \$37,841.13
**Protection of Persons and Property**

Dog Officer	\$279.00
Police	49,394.76
Police — 1968 Account	377.13
Police Cruiser — 1968 Account	2,500.00
Fire Department	22,790.26
Tree Warden	2,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	2,000.00
Fire Dept. — Forestry Truck Winch	600.00
Fire Dept. — Forestry Truck Radio	998.50
Fire Truck — 1968 Account	11,971.50
Dry Hydrants and Water Holes — 1966 Account	160.00

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 \$94,471.15
**Aid and Relief**

Medical Assistance — U.S. Grant	\$291.22
Veteran's Benefits	2,337.70

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 \$2,628.92

**Schools and Libraries**

School Department	\$407,836.47
School Account — Title I	2,517.66
School Lunch Program	34,195.10
Masconomet School District	30,113.40
Spofford Pond School Addition	294,843.20
Regional District School	599,030.00
Town Libraries	24,567.54
Library Service — 1968 Account	829.57
East Parish Library Funds	182.41
West Parish Library Funds	156.42

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\$1,394,271.77

**Highways**

Highway Fund — Chapter 616	\$3,345.33
Herrick Road Improvement	9,956.00
Chapter 81 — Maintenance	21,727.50
Chapter 90 — Construction 1968 Account	19,127.85
Highway Equipment	4,689.07
Highway Operational Expense	1,500.00
Highways and Bridges	2,609.89
Snow Removal and Sanding	43,148.39
Road Machinery Maintenance	6,480.20
Flood Damage Repairs	1,898.45
Street Lighting	825.82
Vacation Account	1,526.00
Sick Benefit	168.00
Town Garage	49,996.30

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\$166,998.80

**Unclassified**

Town Halls	\$1,722.19
Town Halls — 1969 Account	856.21
Public Grounds	64.00
Insurance	2,817.87
Memorial Day	631.52
Soldiers Graves	225.00

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Harmony Cemetery	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
"Old" Town Cemetery	50.00
Clerical	1,475.26
Community House	112.33
Essex County Mosquito Control	6,399.00
Excise Tax Bills	420.30
Town Reports	1,495.75
Civil Defense	282.33
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	1,221.79
Veteran's Service District	171.74
State Parks and Reservations	4,130.89
County Tax	22,285.47
County Retirement System	10,078.96
Ipswich River Watershed District	119.74
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	3,460.62
Real Estate Tax Refunds	5,327.06
Dog Licenses to County	1,076.25
Sale of Dogs Refunded to County	24.00
Personal Property Tax Refunds	90.63
North Bennet St. Industrial School Land	300.00
Stabilization Fund	25,000.00
Bills of Charge	1,126.19
Principal on Maturing Debt	36,204.00
Interest on Loans	13,147.79
Temporary Loan	400,000.00
Group Life and Hospital Insurance	5,187.83

\$545,854.72

## TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS

\$2,242,087.00

## Agency Accounts

Tax Sheltered Annuity	\$2,404.00
Life Insurance	223.30
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,873.34
Federal Withholding Tax	65,350.33

Essex County Retirement	6,223.58
State Withholding Tax	12,556.74
B.T.A. Dues	145.00
Credit Union	2,807.00
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	13,883.00



**BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1969

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS****ASSETS**

Cash: General		\$359,634.06	
Library Petty Cash Advance		25.00	
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1960			
Real Estate		4.70	
Levy of 1961			
Real Estate		16.45	
Levy of 1962			
Real Estate	\$17.68		
Personal	303.00		
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			320.68
Levy of 1963			
Real Estate	\$22.73		
Personal	30.30		
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			53.03
Levy of 1964			
Real Estate	\$326.25		
Personal	11.25		
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			337.50
Levy of 1965			
Real Estate	\$113.20		
Personal	158.88		
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			272.08
Levy of 1966			
Real Estate	\$1,920.80		
Personal	49.35		
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			1,970.15

Levy of 1967		
Real Estate	\$4,914.29	
Personal	1,116.25	
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Levy of 1968		
Real Estate	\$7,886.25	
Personal	1,475.60	
	<hr/>	9,361.85
Levy of 1969		
Real Estate	\$72,775.46	
Personal	4,395.27	
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Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1965	\$142.73	
Levy of 1966	3,043.92	
Levy of 1967	2,529.21	
Levy of 1968	2,611.11	
Levy of 1969	24,709.70	
	<hr/>	33,036.67
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1969		169.43
Classified Forest Land		
Levy of 1968	\$12.88	
Levy of 1968	27.36	
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Departmental:		
Disability Assistance	\$13.53	
Medical Assistance	4.66	
Snow Removal	434.25	
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Tax Title		89.59
State and County Aid to Highways		43,140.59
Underestimates:		
County Tax	\$379.91	
State Parks and Reservations	81.93	
Mosquito Control	131.00	
Ipswich River Watershed District	119.74	
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		712.58
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		\$532,838.31

## DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$136,000.00
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## TRUST FUNDS — CASH ON DEPOSIT

Trust Funds, Cash & Securities	\$177,599.22
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## LIABILITIES

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Title Revenue	\$89.59	
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	33,036.67	
Departmental Revenue	452.44	
Special Assessment Revenue	209.67	
State and County Aid to Highways		
Revenue	43,140.59	
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		\$76,928.96
Reserve for Petty Cash Advance		25.00
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1960	\$4.70	
Levy of 1961	16.45	
Levy of 1962	320.68	
Levy of 1963	53.03	

Levy of 1964	337.50	
Levy of 1965	272.08	
Levy of 1966	1,970.15	
Levy of 1967	6,030.54	
Levy of 1968	9,361.85	
Levy of 1969	16,737.66	
		35,104.64
Overlay Surplus Reserve		41,977.57
Excess and Deficiency		243,170.96
Appropriation Accounts:		
Assessors Maps	\$8,553.87	
Goodwin Plans	100.00	
Recreation Committee — 1968 Account	650.00	
Central Communications System	257.64	
Police Cruiser Ambulance	4,500.00	
Highways and Bridges — 1969 Account	238.30	
Chap. 90 Construction —		
1969 Account	29,000.00	
Repairs and Improvement		
of Towne Road	16,328.72	
Land Taking for Highway		
Purposes — 1966	499.46	
Land Taking for Highway		
Purposes — 1969	803.00	
Chap. 616 Highway Fund —		
1968 Account	127.39	
Chap. 616 Highway Fund —		
1969 Account	44.69	
Herrick Road Improvement	44.00	
Town Garage — 1968 Account	231.70	
School Lunch	1,810.43	
Spofford Pond School Addition	18,327.24	
J. T. Barker Fund	12,690.00	
Masconomet Regional School Planning	15,252.05	
Town Library Planning Fund	5,000.00	
Town Halls — 1968 Account	1,553.11	

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Morse House — 1964 Account	44.77	
Civil Defense	196.07	
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		116,252.44
U.S. Grants:		
Disability Assistance	\$150.00	
Medical Assistance	5,330.19	
School Aid — Title I	1,951.11	
School Aid — Public Law No. 874	4,049.31	
School Aid — Title III	2,512.12	
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		13,992.73
Road Machinery Fund		\$4,863.47
Library Gifts		516.74
Agency Accounts:		
Tax Sheltered Annuity		5.80
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		\$532,838.31

## DEBT ACCOUNT

School Loans	\$136,000.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	\$1,381.90	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,946.68	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,452.12	
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	464.02	
East Parish Library Fund	3,686.15	
West Parish Library Fund	3,159.26	
Mary Stacy Holmes Library Fund	2,313.28	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,702.51	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Fund	1,635.55	
Town School Fund	4,500.00	
Stabilization Fund	139,824.25	
Conservation Fund	10,533.50	
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		\$177,599.22



**DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1969****GENERAL GOVERNMENT****Selectmen**

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Salaries, Selectmen	\$1,606.00	
Clerical	679.50	
Office Expense	24.13	
State & County Association Dues	54.00	
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Total Expenditure	\$2,363.63	
Balance to Revenue	136.37	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

**Board of Public Welfare**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Association Dues	\$10.00	
Balance to Revenue	40.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**Board of Assessors**

Appropriation		\$3,500.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	\$2,500.00	
Clerical	294.00	
Abstracts	128.33	
Office Supplies	317.27	
State & County Association Dues	30.00	
Equipment	170.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$3,440.10	
Balance to Revenue	59.90	
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	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

**Treasurer**

Appropriation		\$3,200.00
Transfer from Sick Benefit		400.00
Transfer from 1968 Account		39.72

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Salary, Treasurer	2,400.00
Bond	125.00
Office Expense	33.88
Clerical	714.00
Postage	204.00
Convention & Dues	80.00

Total Expenditures	\$3,556.88
Balance to Revenue	82.84

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\$3,639.72	\$3,639.72
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**Town Clerk**

Appropriations		\$700.00
Services, Town Clerk	\$474.00	
Bond	10.00	
Office Expenses	194.05	

Total Expenditures	\$678.05
Balance to Revenue	21.95

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\$700.00	\$700.00
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**Collector**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Salary, Collector	\$1,200.00	
Bonds	210.00	
Office Expense	590.00	

Total Expenditures	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
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**Accountant**

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Salary, Accountant	\$3,000.00	
Office Expense	267.73	
Clerical	562.38	

Total Expenditures	\$3,830.11
Balance to Revenue	169.89

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\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
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## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

**Town Counsel**

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Salary, Town Counsel	\$1,200.00	
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	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

**Finance Committee**

Appropriation		\$25.00
Association Dues	\$20.00	
Balance to Revenue	5.00	
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	\$25.00	\$25.00

**Registrars**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	\$166.25	
Balance to Revenue	133.75	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Elections**

Appropriation		\$200.00
Transfer from Reserve		950.00
Election Officers	\$685.91	
Printing	383.99	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,069.90	
Balance to Revenue	80.10	
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	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00

**Appeal Board**

Appropriation		\$800.00
Advertising	\$87.00	
Office Expense	140.92	
Clerical	113.95	
Attorney Fee	250.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$591.87	
Balance to Revenue	208.13	
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	\$800.00	\$800.00

**Planning Board**

Appropriation		\$900.00
Proofs	\$12.50	
Recording Fees	27.50	
Blue Prints	26.90	
White Prints	16.12	
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Total Expenditures	\$83.02	
Balance to Revenue	816.98	
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	\$900.00	\$900.00

**Planning Board Space Study — 1967**

Balance from 1968		\$216.21
Printing	\$216.21	
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	\$216.21	\$216.21

**Conservation Committee**

Appropriation		\$60.00
Association Dues	\$45.00	
Balance to Revenue	15.00	
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	\$60.00	\$60.00

**Recreation Committee**

Appropriation		\$2,900.00
Preparation and Maintenance of		
Ball Fields	\$2,317.35	
Survey	20.00	
Heat and Light	151.27	
Supplies	180.46	
Insurance	51.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,720.08	
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	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00

**Water Source Survey**

Appropriation		\$200.00
Maps	\$151.10	
Balance to 1970	48.90	
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	\$200.00	\$200.00

**Building Inspector**

Appropriation		\$1,100.00
Services, Building Inspector	\$800.00	
Office Expense	300.00	
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	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00

**Wire Inspector**

Appropriation		\$1,100.00
Services, Wire Inspector	\$532.00	
Office Expense	254.00	
Mileage	314.00	
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	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00

**Plumbing Inspector**

Appropriation		\$650.00
Services, Plumbing Inspector	\$485.50	
Postage	3.36	
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Total Expenditures	\$488.86	
Balance to Revenue	161.14	
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	\$650.00	\$650.00

**Gas Inspector**

Appropriation		\$500.00
Transfer from Reserve		81.00
Services, Gas Inspector	\$269.00	
Office Expense	200.00	
Mileage	100.00	
Association Dues	12.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$581.00	\$581.00



## HEALTH AND SANITATION

**Board of Health**

Appropriation		\$9,000.00
Transfer from Town Reports		504.25
Transfer from Sick Benefit		100.00
Salaries, Board of Health	250.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer	325.00	
Services, Dump Caretaker	2,164.00	
Maintenance of Dump	1,366.25	
Supplies	500.94	
Nurse	57.20	
Mileage	20.00	
Telephone	96.10	
Association Dues	6.00	
B.T.W. Health District	4,800.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$9,585.99	
Balance to Revenue	18.26	
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	\$9,604.25	\$9,604.25

**Child Guidance Center**

Appropriation		\$600.80
Mental Health Association	\$600.80	
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	\$600.80	\$600.80

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Appropriation		\$500.00
Transfer from Reserve		64.01
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	\$564.01	
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	\$564.01	\$564.01

**Inspector of Animals**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	\$50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

**Dog Officer**

Appropriation		\$250.00
County of Essex Refunds		80.00
Salary, Dog Officer	\$100.00	
Board and Disposal of Stray Dogs	179.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$279.00	
Balance to Revenue	51.00	
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	\$330.00	\$330.00

**Police Cruiser — 1968 Account**

Balance from 1968		\$2,500.00
Cruiser	\$2,500.00	
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

**Police**

Appropriation		\$48,548.00
Transfer from Reserve		846.76
Labor	\$15,044.18	
Salaries	17,176.00	
Blue Line Operators	4,510.00	
Secretary	1,441.80	
Insurance	1,490.77	
Repairs	546.32	
Gasoline & Oil	2,951.51	
Supplies	685.34	
Mileage	650.76	
Heat & Light	384.86	
Office Expense	706.49	
Uniforms	830.42	
Cruiser Lettering, Etc.	215.42	
Rent	900.00	
Communications	1,550.89	
Training	110.00	
Haverhill Lockup	200.00	
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	\$49,394.76	\$49,394.76

**Fire**

Appropriation		\$22,710.00
Transfer from Reserve		71.26
Refund		9.00
Salaries	\$1,800.00	
Red Line Operators	4,400.00	
Labor	6,675.01	
Equipment	2,148.63	
Repairs	597.68	
Heat & Light	1,224.75	
Insurance	1,949.45	
Station Maintenance	38.00	
Communications	1,607.57	
Supplies	1,368.06	
Gasoline & Oil	357.74	
Boots, Helmets, Coats, Etc.	392.22	
Training	8.40	
Office Expense	138.75	
Water Holes	84.00	

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	\$22,790.26	\$22,790.26
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**Fire Truck — 1968 Account**

Balance from 1968		\$12,000.00
Fire Truck	\$11,971.50	
Balance to Revenue	28.50	

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	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
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**Police — 1968 Account**

Balance from 1968		\$1,265.15
Heat & Light	\$67.26	
Gas & Oil	283.87	
Telephone	21.00	
Supplies	5.00	

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Total Expenditures	377.13
Balance to Insurance Account	888.02

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	\$1,265.15	\$1,265.15
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**Forestry I Fire Truck Winch**

Appropriation		\$600.00
Winch	\$600.00	

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	\$600.00	\$600.00
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**Forestry I Fire Truck Radio**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
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Radio	\$998.50	
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Balance to Revenue	1.50	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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**Dry Hydrants & Water Holes 1966 Account**

Balance from 1968		\$160.00
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Excavating	\$160.00	
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	\$160.00	\$160.00
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**Tree Warden**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
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Labor	\$694.00	
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Trucks	576.00	
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Power Saw	120.00	
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Paint	1.85	
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Contract	608.15	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
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**Moth Suppression**

Appropriation		\$1,400.00
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Contract	\$1,400.00	
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	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
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**Dutch Elm Disease Control**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
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Labor	\$334.60	
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Power Saw	104.00	
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Trucks	272.00	
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Contract Work	1,289.40	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
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## CHARITIES, AID AND VETERAN'S BENEFITS

**Medical Assistance — U.S. Grant**

Balance from 1968		\$5,042.60
Federal Grant		574.81
Refunds		4.00
Cash	\$291.22	
Balance to 1970	5,330.19	

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	\$5,621.41	\$5,621.41
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**Veteran's Benefits**

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Cash	\$2,337.70	
Balance to Revenue	662.30	
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	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

## HIGHWAYS

**Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund**

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Transfer from Vacation Account		500.00
Labor	\$145.50	
Guard Rail	1,000.00	
Gravel	78.75	
Blasting — Herrick Road	976.00	
Patch	74.50	
Traffic Lines	203.00	
Signs	37.39	
Supplies	94.75	
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Total Expenditures	\$2,609.89	
Balance to 1970	238.30	
Balance to Revenue	651.81	

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	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
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**Chapter 616 Highway**

State Allotment		\$3,390.02
Labor	\$258.00	



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Trucks	12.00	
Hot Top	3,059.33	
Loader	16.00	
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Total Expenditures	3,345.33	
Balance to 1970	44.69	
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	\$3,390.02	\$3,390.02

**Highway Truck**

Transfer from Surplus Revenue		\$4,550.00
Truck	\$4,550.00	
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	\$4,550.00	\$4,550.00

**Town Garage**

Balance from 1968		\$47,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		2,728.00
New Building	\$46,665.46	
Utilities	1,607.06	
Paving Materials	1,468.78	
Bulldozer	255.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$49,996.30	
Balance to 1970	231.70	
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	\$50,228.00	\$50,228.00

**Repairs and Improvement to Towne Road**

Transfer from Flood Damage Repairs		\$14,166.55
Transfer of State Reimbursement		2,162.17
Balance to 1970	\$16,328.72	
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	\$16,328.72	\$16,328.72

**Flood Damage Repairs**

Appropriation		\$16,065.00
Labor	\$771.00	
Truck	162.00	
Backhoe & Loader	312.00	

Pipe	633.45	
Use of Town Tools	20.00	
Total Expenditures	\$1,898.45	
Transfer to Towne Road Account	14,166.55	
	\$16,065.00	\$16,065.00

**Highway Department — Operational Expense**

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Supplies	\$219.92	
Hip Boots	28.59	
Heat & Light	526.13	
Insurance	521.82	
Telephone	203.54	
Total Expenditures	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

**Chapter 81 — Maintenance**

Appropriation		\$2,800.00
State Allotment		19,250.00
Labor	\$11,736.18	
Trucks	2,346.00	
Loader	524.00	
Grader	258.00	
Sand & Gravel	1,710.03	
Oil	3,325.99	
Patch	1,349.15	
Hot Top	178.50	
Tools	103.65	
Use of Town Tools	322.50	
Back Hoe	100.00	
Tractor & Dozer	96.00	
Total Expenditure	\$22,050.00	\$22,050.00

**Chapter 90 Construction — Middleton Rd. 1968 Acct.**

Balance from 1968		\$19,228.35
Labor	\$3,703.25	
Trucks	3,000.00	
Bulldozer	2,196.00	

Grader & Roller	1,000.00	
Loader	2,059.75	
Supplies	68.50	
Guard Rail	218.00	
Hot Top	630.27	
Grass Seed	20.48	
Drilling & Clearing	6,231.60	
Use of Town Tools	100.50	
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Total Expenditure	\$19,228.35	\$19,228.35

### Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		\$40,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		8,960.66
Labor	\$10,215.25	
Trucks	3,445.25	
Trucks and Plows	5,507.00	
Grader	780.00	
Loaders	2,376.00	
Sand	5,215.29	
Salt	14,244.85	
Use of Town Tools	5,812.27	
Crawler	336.00	
Dozer	656.00	
Tractor	372.75	
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Total Expenditures	\$48,960.66	\$48,960.66

### Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Refund		84.60
Transfer from Road Machinery Fund		4,000.00
Labor	\$288.00	
Equipment	377.25	
Repairs	2,870.05	
Gas and Oil	1,574.50	
Tires	75.51	

Supplies	1,290.89	
Registry Fees and Sticker	4.00	
Total Expenditure	\$6,480.20	
Transfer to Road Machinery Fund	104.40	
	\$6,584.60	\$6,584.60
<b>Herrick Road Improvement</b>		
Appropriation		\$10,000.00
Bulldozer	\$1,506.00	
Hot Top	8,450.00	
Total Expenditure	\$9,956.00	
Balance to 1970	44.00	
	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Street Lighting</b>		
Appropriation		\$900.00
Street Lights	\$825.82	
Balance to Revenue	74.18	
	\$900.00	\$900.00
<b>Sick Benefit</b>		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Pay Rolls	\$168.00	
Transfer to Treasurer	400.00	
Transfer to Board of Health	100.00	
Balance to Revenue	332.00	
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Highway Vacation Account</b>		
Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Vacation Payrolls	\$1,526.00	
Transfer to Selectmen's Highway Fund	500.00	
Balance to Revenue	974.00	
	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

**Schools**

Appropriation		\$408,746.00
Principals' Salaries	\$21,953.59	
Teachers' Salaries	244,220.51	
Clerical	6,060.69	
Supplies and Expenses	717.01	
Superintendent:		
Salary	6,919.90	
Clerical	4,315.87	
Expense	957.63	
Health:		
Nurse	3,000.12	
Physician	500.00	
Supplies and Expense	163.32	
Tuition	1,453.76	
Transportation	35,052.79	
Miscellaneous:		
Custodial Services	20,158.86	
Attendance Officer	10.00	
Committee Expense	300.98	
Books	5,183.24	
Supplies	10,477.24	
Fuel	6,022.18	
Electricity	4,510.87	
Telephones	877.40	
Repairs	48.20	
Census	200.00	
Supervisors' Expense	496.20	
Insurance	6,615.00	
Custodial Supplies and Materials	2,921.88	
Maintenance	6,700.92	
Guidance	5,127.95	
Library	4,508.24	
Civic Activities	247.73	
Equipment	2,728.24	
Rubbish Collection	420.00	



Workshop and Conference	606.60	
Food Services	3,747.00	
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Total Expenditure	\$407,223.92	
Balance to Revenue	1,522.08	
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	\$408,746.00	\$408,746.00

**School Lunch Program**

Balance from 1968		\$5,691.46
Cash		22,174.87
State Grants		8,139.20
Salaries	\$12,793.15	
Food	19,260.23	
Equipment	50.45	
Gas	876.38	
Supplies	250.64	
Repairs	264.15	
Transportation	675.00	
Mileage	25.10	
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Total Expenditure	\$34,195.10	
Balance to 1970	1,810.43	
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	\$36,005.53	\$36,005.53

**School Aid — Title I**

Balance from 1968		\$1,480.42
Federal Grant		2,988.35
Transfer from Title III		600.35
Teacher Coaches	\$2,517.66	
Balance to 1970	2,551.46	
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	\$5,069.12	\$5,069.12

**Regional District School**

Appropriation		\$599,030.00
Masconomet Regional District School	\$599,030.00	
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	\$599,030.00	\$599,030.00

**Spofford Pond School Addition**

Balance from 1968		\$313,170.44
Architect	\$4,148.15	
Contractor	263,968.75	
Furnishings	26,470.30	
Labor	256.00	
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Total Expenditure	\$294,843.20	
Balance to 1970	18,327.24	
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	\$313,170.44	\$313,170.44

**Library Service**

Appropriation		\$23,372.00
Dog Refund		705.19
State Aid		502.50
Payrolls	\$14,789.04	
Association Dues	54.00	
Books & Magazines	4,246.42	
Grounds	164.50	
Telephones	252.47	
Repairs	1,530.77	
Supplies	1,258.38	
Electricity	304.86	
Janitor	607.48	
Equipment	573.18	
Fuel	784.44	
Rent	2.00	
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Total Expenditure	\$24,567.54	
Balance to Revenue	12.15	
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	\$24,579.69	\$24,579.69

**Title III, P. L. No. 864**

Balance from 1968		\$1,729.18
Federal Grants		1,383.29
Transfer to Title I	\$600.15	

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Balance to 1970	2,512.12	
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	\$3,112.47	\$3,112.47

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## Town Halls

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Janitors	\$397.00	
Fuel	565.69	
Light	375.24	
Telephone	268.65	
Repairs	21.55	
Supplies	45.31	
Refuse Collection	43.75	
Renovations	5.00	
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Total Expenditure	\$1,722.19	
Balance to Revenue	277.81	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

## Town Hall 1968 Account

Balance from 1968		\$2,409.32
Labor	\$80.00	
Furnace Changeover and Duct Work	627.37	
Supplies	51.84	
Electrical Work	97.00	
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Total Expenditure	856.21	
Balance to 1970	1,553.11	
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	\$2,409.32	\$2,409.32

## Public Grounds

Appropriation		\$300.00
Mowing Commons	\$64.00	
Balance to Revenue	236.00	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Soldiers Graves**

Appropriation		\$225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	\$100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Old Cemetery	25.00	
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	\$225.00	\$225.00

**Harmony Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Maintenance	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Boxford Village Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$150.00
Maintenance	\$150.00	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00

**Mt. Vernon Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Maintenance	\$50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**"Old" Town Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$50.00
Maintenance	\$50.00	
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	\$50.00	\$50.00

**Memorial Day**

Appropriation		\$525.00
Transfer from Reserve		106.52
American Legion Post No. 379	\$631.52	
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	\$631.52	\$631.52

**Clerical**

Appropriation		\$1,600.00
Clerical	\$1,475.26	
Balance to Revenue	124.74	
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	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00

**North Bennet Street Industrial School Land — 1967 Account**

Balance from 1968		\$300.00
Land Purchase	\$300.00	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Community House**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Electricity	\$48.60	
Repairs	1.69	
Fuel	62.04	
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Total Expenditure	112.33	
Balance to Revenue	187.67	
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	\$300.00	\$300.00

**Town Reports**

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Town Reports	\$1,410.75	
Fliers	10.00	
Delivery	75.00	
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Total Expenditures	1,495.75	
Transfer to Board of Health	504.25	
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Civil Defense**

Appropriation		\$350.00
Balance from 1968		78.40
Directors Salary	\$100.00	
Office Expense	16.00	



Communication Equipment	166.33	
Total Expenditure	282.33	
Balance to 1970	146.07	
	<u>\$428.40</u>	<u>\$428.40</u>

### Contingency Fund

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Rent	\$60.50	
Note Fee	12.00	
Printing	188.25	
Law Books	163.50	
Advertising	86.12	
Recording Fees	33.50	
Boxford's Share February Storm Aid (Masconomet)	201.39	
Sandbags	200.00	
Office Expense	264.03	
Microfilm File	12.50	
Total Expenditure	<u>\$1,221.79</u>	
Balance to Revenue	778.21	
	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

### Insurance

Appropriation		\$2,437.00
Transfer from 1968 Police Account		888.02
Compensation	\$1,938.00	
Motor Vehicle Liability	254.87	
Multi Peril	625.00	
Total Expenditure	<u>\$2,817.87</u>	
Balance to Revenue	507.15	
	<u>\$3,325.02</u>	<u>\$3,325.02</u>

**Interest on Loans**

Appropriation		\$8,521.00
Transfer from Reserve		4,626.79
School Loans	\$6,205.55	
Temporary Loan	6,942.24	
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	\$13,147.79	\$13,147.79

**Amortization of School and Temporary Loans**

Appropriation		\$36,204.00
Arlington Trust Company		400,000.00
State Street Bank & Trust	\$36,204.00	
Arlington Trust Company	400,000.00	
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	\$436,204.00	\$436,204.00

**Reserve Fund**

Appropriation from Overlay Fund		\$25,000.00
Total Transfers	\$19,340.77	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	5,659.23	
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	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,  
Town Accountant

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**

The Town Treasurer's report of General Fund and Town Trust Fund receipts and disbursements for the year 1969 is submitted herewith. During the year 1969 a total income of \$15,771.20 was realized by the Town of Boxford as a result of our investment program for keeping General Fund cash constantly working for us to produce a return of interest income. This, however, is somewhat overshadowed by the rising cost of interest rates for short term borrowing in 1969. In 1969 the Town Treasurer was able to borrow at a rate of 4.4% up from 2.16% in 1967. It is anticipated that in 1970 this rate will be still higher at a predicted rate of approximately 6.25%. As we have done in the past we will still endeavor to secure the lowest possible rates for our 1970 borrowing.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS F. PERRY,

Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF BOXFORD  
REPORT OF GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS**

January 1, 1969 through December 31, 1969

General Fund Cash Balance — January 1, 1969	\$683,581.62
1969 General Fund Receipts	1,918,137.44
	<hr/> \$2,601,719.06
1969 General Fund Disbursements as per Treasury Warrants approved by the Selectmen	2,242,087.00
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General Fund Cash Balance — December 31, 1969	\$359,632.06

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## REPORT OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS

## TOWN OF BOXFORD

January 1, 1969 through December 31, 1969

Name of Fund	Balance	1969	1969	1969	Balance
	Jan. 1, 1969	Income	Additions	Transfers	Dec. 31, 1969
Town Farm Fund	\$1,309.77	\$72.13			\$1,381.90
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,658.44	238.24			5,946.68
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,324.12	128.00			2,452.12
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	442.01	22.01			464.02
East Parish Library Fund	3,682.41	186.15		(1) \$182.41	3,686.15
West Parish Library Fund	3,156.42	159.26		(2) 156.42	3,159.26
Mary Stacy Holmes Library Fund	2,192.53	120.75			2,313.28
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,613.63	88.88			1,702.51
Boxford Visiting Nurse Fund	1,550.18	85.37			1,635.55
Town Schol Fund	4,500.00	247.90		(3) 247.90	4,500.00
Stabilization Fund	109,056.04	5,768.21	(4) \$25,000.00		139,824.25
Conservation Fund	8,599.54	433.96	(5) 1,500.00		10,533.50
TOTALS	\$144,085.09	\$7,600.86	\$26,500.00	\$586.73	\$177,599.22
(1) Transfer to General Fund — Town Library					
(2) Transfer to General Fund — Town Library					
(3) Transfer to General Fund					
(4) Transfer from General Fund per vote of Town Meeting					
(5) Transfer from General Fund per vote of Town Meeting					

**REPORT OF TOWN SCHOOL FUND COMMITTEE**

The Town School Fund report for the year 1969 is submitted as follows:

Balance — January 1, 1969	\$4,500.00
1969 Interest Earned on Savings Deposits	247.90
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	\$4,747.90
Income transferred to General Fund	247.90
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Balance — December 31, 1969	\$4,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

RICHARD P. CHADWICK

AMY G. PARKHURST

Town School Fund Committee

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Building Committee	Term Expires
J. Stuart Haywood, Chairman	1971
A. Gordon Price, Vice Chairman	
	Annual, from School Committee
Wade T. Elliott, Secretary	1973
Frederick B. Monell	1970
Julius J. Sasso	1972
Albert D. Wood	Annual, from School Committee
Harris Gates	Annual, from School Committee

Most of our activity this year was spent in overseeing completion of the new Spofford Pond school wing. Because of heavy snows, steel delays and problems with sub-contractors meeting deadlines we encountered increasing concern as month after month the completion date seemed almost impossible to meet.

However, between the committee's firm insistence, architectural and Town Counsel advice and the General Contrac-



tor's cooperation the new addition was sufficiently ready for September school use.

We feel that the Town received a new addition of which it can be proud and at a reasonable cost.

In between our concerns for completion we studied various potential future sites.

With the aid of our architect we made feasibility studies of land use and expansion of the present Cole-Wood complex. Mr. Stoner of Stoner Associates provided several possible plans, laying out preliminary sketches making use of both present facilities along our guidelines for a complete twenty room school unit.

After much study and discussion it was unanimously voted by the committee that when future school building facilities were necessary the additions should be at the Cole-Wood location.

Presently we have three unused classrooms and as enrollment growth appears to have somewhat levelled off we are encouraged that no new construction will be required in the immediate future.

In closing our report we are pleased to be able to report that at the present writing we are able to turn back to the Town the sum of approximately \$19,000 as the unexpended balance of the original building appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STUART HAYWOOD

## **REPORT OF STUDY BY THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

On April 29, 1969, the Board of Selectmen authorized a committee to study and "make recommendations toward establishing a central communications system for the town departments."

## 2. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

- A. In determining the conduct of the assigned study, it was determined that the prime consideration was to provide emergency and routine Town services to the taxpayer, and that it would be inappropriate to isolate attention only to communications. Consequently, although beyond the scope of the assignment, deep consideration was given to the operations of the Town Emergency Services so that the communications tool offered would be justified by providing the taxpayer the greatest return on invested dollar by efficiently utilizing the manpower and resources of all departments while exercising their routine and emergency functions.
- B. Before reaching its conclusions and recommendations, the committee considered the following:
  1. Efficiency of current, individual Blue and Red Line system.
    - a. Its cost
    - b. Its function
    - c. The radio coverage and frequency assignments of departments
  2. The cost of total operations related to service performed.
  3. The current manpower loading now used to provide protection related to call activity.
  4. Increasing public services by providing Town employees and vehicles, not now in the communications network, the means to do so.
  5. Establishing a central communications center and cost.
  6. Utilizing the Topsfield Central Communication Center.
  7. Keeping the present system of home operators and dispatchers.
  8. Utilizing volunteers or private answering services for communications.
  9. Eash item of Mr. Thomas' memo of April 25, 1969.

10. The projected Town growth rate of at least doubling in population by 1980, with the impact of handling at least triple the volume of calls.

### 3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### A. It is concluded that:

1. The current Red and Blue line systems, consisting of land line calls, radio alert, base to mobile, and mobile to mobile communication, is a dependable, effective and good functioning system to meet the public need in its environment.
2. The costs of the present systems (equipment and operational) are not excessive, nor can they be reduced without a serious degradation of our emergency service.
  - a. The analysis on cost per call, or other unit comparison, is irrelevant when considering the cost of protection. A manpower unity analysis was used: i.e. payroll for 24 hours coverage, 7 days per week, 52 weeks per year, and compared to minimal manpower requirements. The protection must be made available, even though the optimum desired activity is zero emergency calls per year.
3. The Blue Line System is to the point of saturation and immediate steps must be taken to add another operator, or add a night dispatcher at Police Headquarters. This must be accomplished no later than the time when 24 hour patrol is started.
4. The Highway Department be equipped for communication on the local government frequency, thus providing a broader base of protection by:
  - a. Offering communication in the event of a fire sighting, or incident requiring police attention, as either is observed while traveling the town.
  - b. Offering equipment availability as requested by Police or Fire.
5. The Civil Defense alert system be extended to Police and Fire.

6. The present system of communications allows no room for growth in capacity nor expansion to other town departments; and as the call load increases, any advantage of a smooth breakover point will be reduced.
7. The Town should implement central communications by April 1971 to handle all Town services.
8. The consolidation now of Blue and Red Line functions would be impractical since it would be inimical to a central communications concept.

B. Recommendations:

In implementing the fore stated conclusions, the committee recommends the following, before any changes are made to the present system:

1. That the Town appoint a Communications Director who will:
  - a. Assume the responsibility of system operation.
  - b. Be the soul of tact to assure communications harmony among all departments.
  - c. Serve as the final authority on all equipment acquisitions, systems arrangement, budget, maintenance and performance.
  - d. Manage the people involved.
  - e. Work closely with Civil Defense.
2. That the Selectmen and Communications Director consider the following steps of implementation:
  - a. Phase I

Central communications to be headquartered at a location where a Town employee is at duty on a 24-hour basis, i.e., Police Station or a remodeled section of Town Hall. The location will handle all public emergency calls and serve as a dispatch point for other town services, radio equipped. Since all required equipment is now owned and available, any capital expenditures would be minimal. Additional salaries are to be expected but should reflect only a modest increase over that of 1969.



## b. Phase II

Planning and implementation of an emergency communications center in the new Town Hall.

## c. Phase III. 1980-1990

Long term planning, justification and implementation of a call box telegraphic system for Police and Fire and installation of:

1. A separate Police Center
2. A separate Fire Center
3. Highway and Civil Defense Center

3. It is recommended that the Selectmen and Communications Director reappraise the recommended date of implementation (April 1971) by November 1970.

Enclosed with this report is the file of the committee containing raw notes and source data documents. The committee discussed and reached agreement on each point of Mr. C. Thomas' letter of April 25, 1969 and welcomes the opportunity to report on any point should the selectmen determine it to be of value for further detailed amplification of this report, or for their general interest.

Respectfully submitted,

John Becker, Chairman  
David Ladd  
Maurice Lambert  
John Mulcahy  
Allan Titcomb





ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BOXFORD  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969

**BOXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT****SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Albert D. Wood, Chairman	Term Expires 1970
Webster B. Brockelman, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 1970
Harris R. Gates	Term Expires 1972
A. Gordon Price	Term Expires 1972
Peter K. Race	Term Expires 1971

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Herbert A. Rouisse

**School Committee Operation**

The committee held a total of 18 regular meetings and 3 special meetings during 1969. The regular meeting place is now the library of the Spofford Pond School. Regular meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Meetings are open and the public is invited to attend. Executive sessions are seldom held and then only in matters requiring privacy and consistent with the open meeting statute. There has been regular press coverage and full accounts of committee actions have been reported in the local newspapers. Notice of special meetings or changes in dates of regular meetings is posted in the Town Hall.

School Committee representation on other groups follows: H. Gates, A. Price, and A. Wood serve on the School Building Committee; W. Brockelman, A. Price, and A. Wood are members of the Union Joint Committee; W. Brockelman and P. Race are members of the Future Considerations Subcommittee.

**Financial**

The national concern with the wage-price inflationary spiral can well be reflected locally in view of its effect upon the 1970 budget. Rising costs of services and materials, coupled with collective bargaining, the provision of more services, and the first full year of operating costs for an expanded school plant, require again a large increase in the operating budget.

The increase in the consumer price index during the past year was extremely high in the country as a whole and more

especially so in the Boston area. The force of collective bargaining by school employees, here and elsewhere in conjunction with the statewide thrust of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, has been responsible for significant increases not only in salaries but in fringe benefits. The budget increase reflects in part provision for a full year of new services added for the 1969-1970 school year, particularly the kindergarten program and the provision of an additional teaching position in connection with the opening of the Spofford Pond School new wing. Improved services to begin in September, 1970, namely a second reading specialist, and additional speech therapy time, also contribute to the increase.

The average pupil enrollment rose steadily from 540 in 1966, to 595 in 1967, to 648 in 1968. The average enrollment for 1969 was 678, including the new kindergarten pupils for a portion of the year, a somewhat lower figure than estimated a year ago and hopefully an indicator of arrival at an enrollment plateau. It is now estimated that the average enrollment for 1970 will increase to 710.

Changes in the major accounts are as noted below:

Account	Approp. 1969	Budget 1970	Increase Decrease	Percent Change
Administration	\$ 13,043	\$ 14,342	\$ 1,299	9.96%
Instruction	296,654	351,971	55,317	18.65%
Other School Services	47,612	52,463	4,851	10.19%
Oper. % Maintenance of Plant	39,563	49,703	10,140	25.63%
Fixed Charges	7,022	7,500	478	6.81%
Community Services	300	300	0	—
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	2,410	3,413	1,003	41.62%
Programs with Other Communities	2,142	2,575	433	20.21%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$408,746</b>	<b>\$482,267</b>	<b>\$ 73,521</b>	<b>17.99%</b>
Contingency		5,000	5,000	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$408,746</b>	<b>\$487,267</b>	<b>\$ 78,521</b>	<b>19.21%</b>

By far, the greatest increase is found in the **Instruction Account**, accounting for \$55,317 of the total increase of \$78,521. Virtually all of the increase in the account is found in instructional salaries. This increase reflects these factors:

1. The impact for a full year of salary increases, effective in September, 1969.
2. The impact for a full year of normal salary increments effective in September, 1969.
3. The impact for the period of September-December, 1970 of salary increases granted to be effective in September 1970.
4. The impact for the period of September-December, 1969 of normal salary increments effective in September, 1970.
5. The impact for a full year of three teaching positions added in September, 1969, two at the kindergarten level and one at the fifth grade level.
6. The impact for the period of September-December, 1970 for a second remedial teacher.
7. The impact of using local funds to supplement reduced federal funds in connection with the teacher-coach program.

1969 Budget, expenditures for 1969, and the 1970 Budget are shown in detail below.

	Budget 1969	1969 Expendi- tures	Budget 1970
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
School Committee			
Salary of Clerk	\$ 300.00	\$ 62.50	\$ 300.00
Other Expenses	280.00	238.48	400.00
Superintendent's Office			
Salary	7,014.00	6,919.90	7,660.00
Salaries, secretarial	4,385.00	4,315.87	4,767.00
Census	200.00	200.00	200.00
Supplies and Materials	440.00	448.56	540.00
Other	75.00	165.77	75.00



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Travel-in-state	265.00	255.68	275.00
Travel-out of state	84.00	87.62	125.00
	<u>\$ 13,043.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,694.38</u>	<u>\$ 14,342.00</u>

## INSTRUCTION

## Supervision

Rinehart Handwriting	\$ 550.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00
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## Principals

Salaries	22,159.00	21,953.59	23,716.00
Salaries, Secretarial	5,901.00	6,060.69	6,737.00
Supplies	250.00	289.02	350.00
Other Expense	225.00	427.99	325.00

## Teachers

Salaries — Regular	217,039.00	218,557.17	270,763.00
Salaries — Special	22,330.00	22,383.09	16,286.00
Salaries — Substitute	4,000.00	2,998.00	4,476.00
Salaries — Home			
Tutoring	375.00	282.25	800.00
Teacher Coaches			2,675.00

## Supplies and Materials

General	5,059.00	3,920.54	5,059.00
Consumable Instructional Materials	4,006.00	4,019.73	4,000.00
Physical Education	350.00	290.05	300.00
Music	120.00		140.00
Remedial Reading	200.00	289.22	100.00
Perceptually-Handicapped			100.00
Workshop and Conference Exp.	925.00	606.60	1,400.00

## Textbook Program

Basic and Supplemental	5,345.00	4,864.12	4,177.00
Remedial Reading	100.00	108.32	100.00
Music Texts	175.00	210.80	175.00

## Library Services

Consultant and Clerical	4,318.00	4,340.26	4,449.00
Supplies and Materials	300.00	167.98	300.00

Audio-Visual Program			
Supplies and Materilas	1,100.00	1,026.12	2,822.00
Guidance Services			
Supplies and Materials	660.00	439.58	720.00
Phychological Services			
Salary — Tester	675.00	1,005.00	975.00
Educational Television			
Supplies and Materials	492.00	492.00	476.00
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	\$296,654.00	\$295,182.12	\$351,971.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
Attendance			
Attendance Officer	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
School Adjustment			
Counselor	4,094.00	4,122.95	4,405.00
Other Expenses —			
SAC Travel	50.00	46.20	50.00
Health Services			
Nurse	2,890.00	3,000.12	4,562.00
Physician	520.00	500.00	500.00
Supplies and Materials	50.00	74.72	90.00
Other Expense —			
Travel, Nurse	60.00	88.60	60.00
Public Transportation			
Contracted Services			
Regular	33,050.00	33,050.00	33,050.00
Special Class	960.00	1,190.00	2,116.00
Educational Trips	980.00	812.79	980.00
Vocational	524.00		400.00
Food Services	4,424.00	3,747.00	6,240.00
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	\$47,612.00	\$46,642.38	\$52,463.00
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT			
Operation of Plant			
Custodial Services	\$ 20,263.00	\$ 20,158.86	\$ 22,969.00
Supplies and Materials	2,320.00	2,921.88	2,955.00
Heating Buildings			
Oil	6,050.00	6,022.18	6,700.00

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## Utility Services

Light and Power	4,800.00	4,510.87	5,600.00
Telephones — Schools	550.00	714.74	900.00
Telephones — Admin.	135.00	162.66	185.00

## Maintenance of Plant

## Maintenance of Grounds

Care of Grounds	500.00	924.87	1,000.00
Waste Removal	650.00	420.00	650.00
Other (Rep.-Equip.)	50.00	48.20	50.00

## Maintenance of Buildings

## Repairs and Upkeep

Specific	3,300.00	5,008.05	7,612.00
Emergency	700.00	233.75	700.00

## Maintenance of Equipment

Schools — Specific	130.00	487.45	240.00
Schools — Emergency	100.00	41.40	100.00
Administrative Office	15.00	5.40	42.00

	<u>\$ 39,563.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,660.31</u>	<u>\$ 49,703.00</u>
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## FIXED CHARGES

Insurance Program	\$ 7,022.00	\$ 6,615.00	\$ 7,500.00
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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Civic Activities

## Reimbursable Janitor

Salary	300.00	247.73	300.00
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## ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

## Acquisition of Equipment

Schools	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,396.24	\$ 1,853.00
Library (new/add.)	1,310.00	1,332.00	1,430.00

## Replacement of Equipment

Schools — Emergency	50.00		80.00
Administrative Office	25.00		50.00

	<u>\$ 2,410.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,728.24</u>	<u>\$ 3,413.00</u>
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## PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition — Elementary	\$ 960.00	\$ 680.56	\$ 1,260.00
Tuition — Vocational	1,032.00	689.80	1,165.00
Tuition — Adult Education	150.00	83.40	150.00
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	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 1,453.76	\$ 2,575.00
GENERAL CONTINGENCY			5,000.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$408,746.00	\$407,223.92	\$487,267.00

Comments on other significant changes follow:

1. A new **general contingency account** in the sum of \$5000 has been provided for use only in the case of unforeseen emergency situations. It is not anticipated that this money will be spent in the normal course of operation and makes the actual budget increase appear larger than it actually is.
2. The increase of \$1672 in the **Nurse Account** reflects the cost for the full year extension of coverage to include the full school day, beginning in September, 1969.
3. The increase of \$1156 in the **Special Class Transportation Account** reflects the increase necessary to maintain present commitments to transport pupils to trainable and educable classes for the mentally retarded in neighboring towns.
4. The increase of \$2706 in the **Custodial Services Account** reflects in part the provision for a full year of additional services required in September, 1969 by the opening of the Spofford Pond School addition.
5. The increase of \$4312 in the **Specific Repairs Account** is detailed elsewhere. One specific note is the reappearance of an item of \$1500 for the replacement of Cole School corridor and lobby ceilings. This item was included in the 1969 budget. However, the required and unbudgeted replacement of the Wood School boiler and burner was a substitute expenditure.

The average pupil enrollment for 1969 was 678. Therefore, a gross per pupil cost, excluding any reimbursements, based on



the appropriation of \$408,748 was \$602.87. The 1970 Budget of \$487,267 divided by the projected average enrollment of 710 yields a gross per pupil cost of \$686.29. If the emergency contingency fund is excluded, the per pupil cost would then be \$679.24.

### **Collective Bargaining**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 763 of the Acts of 1965, the Boxford School Committee and members of the Professional Status Committee of the Boxford Teachers' Association held six bargaining sessions during the fall. Final agreement was reached on December 17th and resulted in the acceptance of the following proposals:

1. The School Committee will consult with the Boxford Teachers' Association before establishing the school calendar annually.
2. The teachers will now be able to accumulate unused sick leave to a maximum of 120 days. Previously the maximum accumulation has been set at 90 days.
3. The School Committee has agreed to a shared tuition plan for graduate study. Under the provisions of the agreement Boxford teachers will be reimbursed for one-half the cost of tuition of approved graduate courses related to their teaching position. This plan calls for a maximum expenditure by the School Committee for this purpose not to exceed \$1000.
4. The Boxford Teachers' Association will join with the School Committee in forming a joint committee of association representatives, school committee representatives, and an administrative representative in an attempt to formulate a merit salary plan, which plan would be feasible for local implementation upon agreement of the proposed plan through the process of collective bargaining.
5. The School Committee reserves the right to pay a teacher at a rate above normal placement on the salary schedule when deemed appropriate for the purposes of employing a highly qualified applicant, or retaining a valued staff member.



6. This collective bargaining agreement will be a two-year agreement with a reopener clause for bargaining on the Basic Salary Schedule, and such other proposals as are mutually agreeable by both parties.
7. The new salary schedule for teachers effective September 1, 1970 is as follows:

Step	B	B+15	B+30	M	M+15	M+30	Prof. Cert.
1.	6975	7175	7375	7575	7775	7975	8175
2.	7175	7375	7575	7775	7975	8175	8375
3.	7375	7575	7775	7975	8175	8375	8575
4.	7675	7875	8075	8275	8475	8675	8875
5.	7975	8175	8375	8575	8775	8975	9175
6.	8275	8475	8675	8875	9075	9275	9475
7.	8575	8775	8975	9175	9375	9575	9775
8.	8875	9075	9275	9475	9675	9875	10075
9.	9175	9375	9575	9775	9975	10175	10375
10.	9475	9675	9875	10075	10275	10475	10675
11.	9775	9975	10175	10375	10575	10775	10975
12.	10075	10275	10475	10675	10875	11075	11275
13.				10975	11175	11375	11575

For comparison purposes, the current salary schedule appears on page 119 of the 1968 Annual Report.

### Organization and School Facilities

Two major milestones were reached during 1969 with the opening of the new wing of the Spofford Pond School and the establishment of a public school kindergarten program.

The completed building project resulted in the addition of ten classrooms, a library, a physical education room, other small office and service areas, and the renovation of two classrooms in the original structure for kindergarten use. The expanded plant provides a modern, functional facility of adequate size for maximum instructional and administrative efficiency.

This fine school plant is a testimony to the interest and support of all Boxford citizens. Special note must be made of the major contribution of the School Building Committee

members in devoting many hours of time and effort to the planning and supervision of the project. Special note must also be made of the interest and cooperation of the members of the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

At present writing, seventeen of the twenty classrooms in the Spofford Pond School are in regular full time use. The three spare rooms are receiving partial use now for a variety of purposes. However, they will be available for meeting the need for additional classroom space when higher enrollment requires.

The availability of the new Spofford Pond School facilities also made possible the relief of the overcrowding at the Cole-Wood School plant. During the 1968-1969 school year, fifteen classes in Grades 1-6 were housed there, some in undersized rooms and with completely inadequate facilities for certain special services. Currently, the thirteen Cole School classrooms house the kindergarten program and twelve classes in Grades One through Six. The two Wood School classrooms, somewhat smaller than standard, are used for a school library and for carrying on special services such as speech therapy and school adjustment counselling. Certainly the Cole-Wood School situation is substantially improved over that of the past several years. Yet it still lacks features that would make it a first class plant, such as adequate administration facilities, storage facilities, and space for certain special services. No space is now available at the Cole-Wood School for additional classes without severely curtailing significant services.

The availability of the additional facilities at the Spofford Pond School also made possible the temporary closing of the Morse School for school purposes. The two classrooms there will be held in reserve for possible future use to relieve temporary overcrowding as they have been used twice for that purpose during the 1960's. At present the Morse School building is being used as a youth center under the sponsorship of the Boxford Recreation Committee.

The new kindergarten program was initiated with the opening of school in September. There are four sections of

kindergartners, two sections in each school plant. The two sections of the Spofford Pond School kindergarten meet in an excellent facility, a classroom specifically renovated for that purpose. The Cole School kindergartners are housed in a converted classroom, which is adequate but has certain deficiencies, notably minimal space, lack of toilet facilities within the room, and poor location within the building. The kindergarten classrooms in both schools have been well-equipped and the new program has operated smoothly from its inception.

Each section of kindergarten meets on a half-time basis. The hours are as follows:

#### **Cole School**

Morning Session	8:10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Afternoon Session	11:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

#### **Spofford Pond School**

Morning Session	8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Afternoon Session	12:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

The two sessions at the Cole School are taught by one teacher, serving on a full time basis. The two sessions at the Spofford Pond School are taught by two teachers, each on a half-time basis, and each working with her own group of children. At midyear, the morning and afternoon groups exchange hours.

Kindergarten pupils, other than walkers, are transported one way by the school system and one way by the parents. Morning session pupils ride to school on the school bus and the parents assume the responsibility for the child's transportation home. Afternoon session pupils are brought to school by parents and ride home on the school bus.

#### **Curriculum and Instruction**

The establishment of the kindergarten program carried with it the prerequisite of developing a course of study. In view of the close association with Topsfield, it was deemed desirable to draw upon that system's long-established program to the end that a common program emerge. To that goal Boxford administrators met in a series of meetings during the



1968-1969 school year with the Topsfield kindergarten teachers and administrative personnel. A result of these meetings was the updating and some revision of the existing curriculum guides, which guides have become the basis of the Boxford program. The value of these meetings was so evident that continuing jointly monthly meetings of Boxford and Topsfield kindergarten teachers and administrators are now being held during the current school year to the end of improving techniques and procedures for working with these children during their first and critical exposure to public education. It might be noted that the Middleton Schools also drew heavily upon these same guides in the establishment of its kindergarten program during the current school year.

### **Students**

**Flexible Entering Age Policy** — Children entering Kindergarten

**Age of Admission** — Children entering Kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday by October 31st of the year in which they enroll.

Children who reach their fifth birthday in the three-month period immediately following (November 1 through January 31) will be enrolled upon successful completion of screening procedures administered by the school system. The decision of the school administration will be final and binding.

Children entering Grade One without previous successful public school kindergarten experience must reach their sixth birthday by October 31st of the year in which they enroll.

Children who reach their sixth birthday in the three-month period immediately following (November 1 through January 31) will be enrolled upon successful completion of screening procedures administered by the school system. The decision of the school administration will be final and binding.

Underage first grade pupils transferring from other school systems may be admitted under the following conditions:

1. The school must be a part of a recognized accredited school system.

2. In every case, the admission of underage children shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the appropriate grade program of the Boxford Public Schools, such fitness to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools.
3. All admissions are subject to a probationary period of one (1) term.

The effective date of this policy will be March 1, 1970 and will be first applicable to pupils entering school in September, 1970.

During the first year of its operation, the provisions relative to the enrollment through successful completion of screening procedures for children born during the period from November 1 through December 31st will be permissive in nature.

Movement has proceeded more fitfully in two curriculum areas, i.e., personal growth and development, including some aspects of sex education, and intergroup relations, which is concerned with ethnic relations.

Relative to the topic of personal growth and development, staff members at the elementary level in Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield held preliminary discussions, reviewed courses of studies, secured some reaction from the public, and examined available instructional materials, including many audio-visual items, in their consideration of a program which would be essentially a downward extension of the existing Masconomet program.

However, the lengthy examination of a wide variety of instructional materials failed to find any that received the enthusiastic approval of the investigating staff members. The several discussions showed a complete lack of unanimity on the questions of need, content, methodology, appropriate grade levels, and amount of staff training. Therefore, a decision was reached to postpone any attempt to initiate the program during the 1969-1970 school year. Rather, a determined effort will be made to utilize outside resources in assisting the local staff in developing a program which will meet with full approval of those concerned. This program is too sensitive to be devel-



oped and carried on in other than a highly appropriate and competent fashion. The wave of bitter criticism which recently broke across the country lends much emphasis to our conviction that this program must be developed with great care.

In the area of intergroup relations, there has been full cognizance of the critical nature of this problem facing the country as a whole, especially in the major cities. There has been far less than full consensus among staff members and committee members as to how this topic should be dealt with in our small suburban system, a lack of consensus which is widely shared in most communities. Certain steps have been taken by the Boxford-Topsfield staff with the School Committee's approval toward the following objectives:

The development in the Boxford-Topsfield pupils of:

A greater awareness of races and cultures other than their own, especially as they have contributed to the development of the national culture.

An awareness that there is a major racial problem facing the country today and an understanding of the problem's origin and development.

A start toward an ability to live in a multi-ethnic world in school, college, business, sports, and the armed services.

The steps taken include the presentation of the Green Circle Program to all third grade classes annually, a presentation designed to help stimulate and reinforce positive social attitudes, which are necessary to build a world where all men can live together as brothers; the supplying to principals of substantial bibliographies to guide them in making purchases of resource material; the evaluation and purchase of selected audio-visual materials for use at teacher discretion; the provision to teachers of teaching guides developed in other systems, which guides can serve as excellent resources.

Still to be done is the difficult development of a comprehensive program for all grades, a program which would gain

general acceptance by the public, the staff, and the School Committee.

Other significant steps taken during the year include the following:

The three reading specialists in the school union carried on a comprehensive testing program of all kindergarten children during the spring, both public and private in each town, as well as those five year old children not attending school. This program was designed to identify the children with potential academic problems and to point out what were the specific academic deficiencies. During the summer the three reading specialists worked on a part-time basis in an effort to organize the test data and to develop program modifications, which would afford the opportunities of working directly toward the remediation of the specific deficiencies noted. Their recommendations were incorporated in setting up the first grade program at the various schools. Preliminary evaluation appears favorable and further work along this line is planned.

A second innovation was the use of a limited number of volunteer tutors, starting in the fall. One or two persons at each school are assisting the instructor of perceptually handicapped pupils by working directly with certain children twice a week on a tutorial basis. Deep appreciation is expressed to those persons who have been so willing to contribute their time and talent in such a worthwhile endeavor.

A third project was the work of the English Curriculum Coordinating Committee. This committee was comprised of staff members from the three local elementary systems and Masconomet. The committee, following considerable study, recommended the adoption of a new basal series of English books for the elementary grades, the American Book Company's **Our Language Today Series**, together with use of the American Book Company's **Composition Through Literature Series**, and the Macmillan Company's **English Composition Series** for supplementary use. These recommendations were approved by the School Committee.

The new basal series was put into use at the beginning of the current school year and the supplementary books are being phased in.

Perhaps overshadowing these locally-oriented programs are the proposed **Minimum Curriculum Standards** now in process of development by the Department of Education. Two working drafts have been reviewed by the Committee and concern is felt as to the requirements which may shortly be placed upon the local system. These proposed standards, if approved by the Board of Education, and implemented to the letter and in haste, could place excessive financial burdens upon the community. Additional personnel and new facilities, such as science laboratory facilities, would be required in our schools. Significant curriculum change would be mandated. Requirements of other agencies would become part of state requirements, i.e., the standards of the American Library Association for collections, personnel, facilities, and financing would be considered the state standards; audio-visual materials would have to be provided in sufficient quantity to meet the standards as stated under Federal Law 89-10, Title II.

### **School Lunch Program**

The school lunch program in Boxford was initiated in 1955 and has become an integral and important part of the elementary school program. The price was first established at \$ .25 per meal for pupils. Other receipts include a \$ .09 per plate subsidy from federal funds. In addition, certain governmental commodities are made available for a small service charge and transportation costs. During the past years, these receipts have been sufficient to support the program, including food and labor costs and the purchase of some new equipment. For example, from the 1962-1963 school year through the 1967-1968 school year, each year's operation showed a profit averaging \$510 per year for the six-year period. However, this pleasant picture was reversed dramatically during the 1968-1969 school year with a deficit of some \$1800. Rising food costs, rising labor costs, and some reduction in the availability of certain gov-



ernmental commodities all contributed to this turn of events. Somewhat obscuring the picture was the factor of a carry-out food service to the Morse School, which added clearly identifiable, additional costs of several hundred dollars.

Unfortunately, the current school year, in its first three months, shows a bleaker outlook, with a loss for the three-month period from September-November of \$1500. In view of this fiscal situation, careful scrutiny has been made in an effort to determine if approaches other than raising the price or subsidizing the operational costs from the school committee budget can resolve the situation. A survey of menu, vendors, and commodity utilization is being made to determine whether food costs per meal can be reduced without reducing the quality of the meal. Administrative efforts are being made to ascertain 100% collection of lunch money, especially with regard to pupils making late payment. A more restrictive school committee policy relative to the refunding of lunch money in cases of absence has been adopted. However, an increase in the cost of lunch may yet be the only practical consideration.

The annual financial statement is detailed below:

#### 1968-1969 School Year

Income based on sales	\$22,261.15	
School Lunch and Milk Subsidy	9,902.02	
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		\$32,163.17
Expenditures:		
Food	\$18,516.76	
Wages	12,472.16	
Equipment	777.38	
Other	3,337.63	
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		\$33,993.93
Loss		<hr/>
		\$1,830.76

#### Health Service

The continuing school health program is an inconspicuous but essential part of the total school program. Mrs. Mary

Hunter, School Nurse, and Doctors James and David Brackbill, School Physicians, efficiently carry on the many facets of the program.

Included in the school health services are:

Physical Examinations	82 pupils — 6 referrals
Audiometer Tests	648 pupils — 8 referrals
Vision Tests	651 pupils — 28 referrals
Sabin Vaccine (oral-Polio)	422 pupils
Tuberculosis Tine Tests	39 pupils
	10 staff
Influenza Vaccine	School staff

In addition to the above services, the height and weight of each pupil is recorded annually. Care is given ill and injured pupils until their parents can assume the responsibility. Minor first aid is administered directly. A "Lazy Eye Clinic" was offered for preschool children in the spring to screen children for that problem prior to school entrance.

Better coverage by the School Nurse was made possible in September 1969 by the extension of her hours to cover the full school day.

### Regional Cooperation

During the past ten years, a continuing effort has been made to assure a high level of coordination among the three local elementary systems and the regional school. The need for such effort has been greater than ever in view of Masconomet school construction project and the fact that two of the three superintendents, the Masconomet and the Middleton chief administrators, are new to their positions and the systems in 1969. The requirements of the Board of Education Guidelines on School District Organization, to be discussed at some length subsequently, brought about the need for the submittal by all four school committees of a plan for meeting the standards set forth in the guidelines. Until such plans were received by the School Building Assistance Bureau, that agency withheld written approval of the then pending Masconomet construction project. The plan, submitted in February, essentially de-



tailed the deliberations and tentative conclusions of the Future Considerations Subcommittee at that time, a group comprising representatives from the Boxford, Masconomet, Middleton, and Topsfield School Committees, which group has been studying the problem of school district organization for some time.

The three superintendents have met regularly and other personnel have been brought together as the occasion demands. One such example is the work of the English Curriculum Coordinating Committee, detailed previously. Another instance is that of joint bidding procedures for milk and for fuel oil purchases. It was found that the joint bidding on milk was worthwhile. However, the joint fuel bidding was deemed valueless and separate bids were subsequently sought.

### **A Look Ahead**

The dramatic rate of change in public education during the past few years shows no sign of abating. The 1960's have seen greatly increased federal participation in public education and the restructuring of the State Board of Education and the Department of Education, with a consequent enlargement of the state's role in the operation of the local systems. Circumscribing the functioning of school committees from another direction has occurred with the rapid development of teacher militancy throughout the nation generally and the passage of collective bargaining legislation in the Commonwealth. Impinging further upon the traditional authorities and responsibilities of school committees has been the social and legal attack mounted to prohibit restrictions on the civil rights and personal freedom of individuals. Major curriculum reorientation, such as modern mathematics, the linguistic approach to English, the discovery approach in science, has wrought rapid change. Emerging programs in sex education and ethnic issues bring not only change but also controversy which extends far beyond the academic walls. The attempt to apply rapidly developing technological advances and the systems approach to school operation have exerted yet another

influence which has helped to effect the vast changes to public education which have occurred in the past decade.

In the face of such upheaval, it is difficult to conceive that further change of such rate and intensity can continue. Yet, continue it doubtless will.

In our small system here, apart from the influence of such nation-wide trends, we must set objectives which can guide us in improving our program or making more efficient our operation. Among these objectives for the system are:

1. A well-considered and effective resolution of the question of school district organization. The 1968 Annual Report discussed at length the regionalization movement in Massachusetts and the local implication of the guidelines of the Board of Education which mandate a K-12 school district of 2000 or more pupils. A December, 1969 policy statement issued by the Board of Education reaffirmed its support of these guidelines and put into writing for the first time the statement "... any local or regional school district which falls below the recommended minima for adequate school district organization (as set forth in the 'Guidelines') may assume that proposals for construction which are inconsistent with adequate school district organization will not be eligible for state aid."

The Future Considerations Subcommittee, comprised of two representatives each from Boxford Masconomet, Middleton, and Topsfield School Committees, has wrestled with this issue of a three-town, K-12 organization during the past two years. The Subcommittee accepted by a majority vote a report recommending a movement toward immediate implementation of such a three-town, K-12 organization by amendment of the Masconomet Agreement to include responsibility for all grade levels. However, in view of the unanimous opposition of the Topsfield School Committee to immediate implementation, the Masconomet Regional District Committee decided to delay any movement toward immediate implementation, and urged a continuing dialogue on the issue.

2. A well-considered resolution of the question as to whether our town should participate in the proposed regional

vocational-technical school now in the preliminary stages of development. Such a school would probably include the cities of Beverly, Peabody, and Salem and several surrounding towns.

3. The establishment of a program for serving our children with special needs. This would include children who are mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, or physically handicapped. At present mentally retarded children are sent to special classes in neighboring towns on a tuition basis. Emotionally disturbed children may be placed in residential institutions, day-care institutions, or given some small amount of tutorial assistance locally. Provisions, when possible, are made for physically-handicapped pupils here on an individual basis.

It is difficult for a small system, with limited enrollment and limited resources, to provide adequately for such pupils. Therefore, our system is considering participating with the Masconomet Regional School, the other two Masconomet regional towns, Danvers, and Georgetown in the establishment of a cooperative, quasi-regional system for providing these special services. Initially, the program might handle only mentally retarded pupils, with the expectation of an expansion to include the emotionally-disturbed, and the physically-handicapped. If the proposed cooperative program does not become operative, then it will be imperative to establish such classes locally.

4. The development of a program of differentiated staffing. Initially such a program would be limited to the employment of certain personnel to do curriculum work during the summer. This would eventually be expanded to a program where certain teachers would carry greater responsibilities and work for varying time periods, with consequent salary differentials.

5. A modified curriculum and organization, which would focus efforts on the educational growth of individuals. Parallel with such modifications would be the development of reporting procedures consistent with the concept of continuous progress and individual achievement rather than geared to a competitive mark based on arbitrary grade standards.

**ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER 1, 1969****HARRY LEE COLE**

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	16	29	26	18	20	22	19	150
Girls	21	18	22	24	25	25	28	163
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	37	47	48	42	45	47	47	313

**SPOFFORD POND**

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	20	25	29	32	36	33	30	205
Girls	21	24	22	30	27	28	42	194
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	41	49	51	62	63	61	72	399

**SCHOOL CENSUS**

Ages	5-7	7-16	16-21	Totals
Boys	88	534	111	733
Girls	92	502	85	679
	—	—	—	—
	180	1036	196	1412

**No-School Signal**

No-school announcements will be broadcast over WBZ, WEEL, WHDH, WESX, WMLO, AND WHAV between 7:00 and 7:30 A.M. if there is no school for the day. Announcements regarding "No School" are made by the Boxford Superintendent for the Boxford Elementary Schools only. Announcements for the Masconomet Regional High School will be made by the Regional Superintendent and will be designated "Masconomet Regional High School."

In addition three long blasts will be given on the local fire alarm at 7:15 A.M. to designate no school for the elemen-



tary classes (grades Kindergarten through six) for the day. A similar signal at 10:45 A.M. will indicate no afternoon kindergarten session.

During stormy or extremely cold weather, parents are urged to exercise their own judgment in sending their children to school.

### **Vaccination and Immunization**

The law now requires vaccination against small pox and immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, and poliomyelitis as a condition of school attendance. A child may be admitted upon certification by a physician that the health of the child would be endangered by such vaccination or immunizations. Parents are requested to attend to this matter prior to the spring registration for Kindergarten and Grade One if possible.



**BOXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS****1970 - 1971 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Sept. 3 (Thursday)	.....	New Teacher Orientation
Sept. 8 (Tuesday)	.....	Teacher Orientation
Sept. 9 (Wednesday)	....	School in Session — regular sessions
Oct. 12 (Monday)	.....	Columbus Day — No School
Nov. 11 (Wednesday)	.....	Veteran's Day — No School
Nov. 25 (Wednesday)	.....	Thanksgiving Recess — dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
Nov. 30 (Monday)	.....	School Reopens
Dec. 23 (Wednesday)		Christmas Recess — dismissal at noon
Jan. 4 (Monday)	.....	School Reopens
Feb. 12 (Friday)	..	Winter Recess — dismissal at regular time
Feb. 22 (Monday)	.....	School Reopens
Apr. 16 (Friday)	..	Spring Recess — dismissal at regular time
Apr. 26 (Monday)	.....	School Reopens
May 24 (Monday)	.....	Memorial Day — No school
June 25* (Friday)	.....	School closes for summer recess — regular time

\* If statutory requirement has been met

Sept.	16 days	Feb.	15 days
Oct.	21 days	Mar.	23 days
Nov.	18 days	Apr.	17 days
Dec.	17 days	May	20 days
Jan.	20 days	June	19 days
	—		—
	92		94

Total — 186 days

Approved by Boxford School Committee on January 22, 1970

## TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

As of January 1, 1970

Name	Grade or Subject	School	Appoint-ment	Graduate of
Joseph P. Ritchie	Principal	Spofford Pond	1956	Boston College
Ruth A. Curtis	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1967	Gorham State College
Michael Kelly	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1969	Duquesne University
Kathleen Whitley	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1966	St. Lawrence University
Ruth Morin	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1950	Hyannis State College
James D. Platt	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1969	State College at Boston
Agnes Schmitt	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1966	Northwestern University
Aleda Collins	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1968	Castleton State Teachers
Leslie Hamilton	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1969	Merrimack College
Mary Oberti	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1969	Plymouth Teachers College
Nancy Dowd	Grade 3	Spofford Pond	1969	Maryville College Sac. Heart
Anne M. Howard	Grade 3	Spofford Pond	1967	Bates College
Betsy Roberts	Grade 3	Spofford Pond	1969	Lake Erie College
Dorothy M. Carver	Grade 2	Spofford Pond	1941	Salem State
Mary L. Eichorn	Grade 2	Spofford Pond	1968	Wellesley College
Enid Davis	Grade 1	Spofford Pond	1961	So. Conn. State College
Barbara A. Horn	Grade 1	Spofford Pond	1964	Lesley College
Miriam Andrews	Kindergarten	Spofford Pond	1969	Tufts College
Joan Leighton	Kindergarten	Spofford Pond	1969	Wheelock College

Isabelle A. Griffin	Principal	Harry L. Cole	1961	Regis College
Helen E. Chadwick	Grade 6	Harry L. Cole	1955	Bridgewater State College
Kenneth Keane	Grade 6	Harry L. Cole	1968	Northeastern University
Ann Bixby	Grade 5	Harry L. Cole	1968	Wellesley College
Michael J. Pisani	Grade 5	Harry L. Cole	1967	Univ. of Massachusetts
Barbara Benson	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1964	Univ. of Illinois
Marilyn S. Guptill	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1968	Univ. of New Hampshire
Ruth E. Baker	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1967	Gordon College
Marilyn J. Keith	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1969	Conn. College for Women
Harriet Goldthwaite	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1967	Univ. of Massachusetts
Nancy Reid	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1968	Bridgewater State College
Virginia Douglass	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1964	Salem State College
Edith Fritzsche	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1969	Humboldt State College
Ann Millett	Kindergarten	Harry L. Cole	1969	Lesley College
Eleanor Schmakel	Art		1967	Columbia University
Alice F. Boffetti	Music		1964	N.E. Conservatory of Music
Jill MacDonald	Physical Education		1967	Iowa State University
Helen M. Vautin	Physical Education		1965	Douglas College
Dorothea D'Agostino	Reading		1960	Farmington State College
Lois Crane	School Adjustment Counselor		1962	Boston University
Linda Rosenberg	Speech		1969	Boston University

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee of Boxford has submitted to the Town the proposed budgets for 1970 after a careful review with the various departments and boards.

In general the budgets show a decided increase over the past years. These increases will in turn be reflected in the tax rate for 1970. We anticipate that our tax base will be increased by \$500,000, or 5.5 per cent. However, our school costs are showing an increase of \$250,000, or 21 per cent.

Last year the Town received a \$70,000 windfall from the State reimbursements. The Town did receive 65 per cent on the maximum allowed by the State. At the present time we do not know how much money we will be allowed by the State nor do we know if the State will be able to give us the funds allowed.

Unless a great deal of restraint is exercised in the next decade by the citizens of Boxford, we can forecast extremely high taxes because of the Town's limited tax base.

The Finance Committee recommends that adjustments should be made in the following areas of inspection fees. The Gas Inspector's fees should be raised so that this position becomes self-supporting. The Town should charge a fee for oil burner inspection which would cover the work being done by the Fire Department. And fees should be charged real estate developers for the Town providing personnel from the Highway Department to insure the proper construction of new roads. In all these instances, people are willing to pay for these services if the Town sets up the proper procedures for the inspection and collection of fees.

The following transfers were made in 1969 from the Reserve Fund:

#### Transfers from Reserve Fund — 1969

Appropriation		\$25,000.00
Transfers to Elections	\$950.00	
Transfer to Highway Garage	2,728.00	
Transfer to Interest on Loans	4,626.79	

Transfer to Memorial Day	106.52
Transfer to Group Hosp. & Life Ins.	102.77
Transfer to Gas Inspector	81.00
Transfer to Inspectors of Slaughtering	64.01
Transfer to Police	846.76
Transfer to Fire Department	71.26
Transfer to Snow Removal	8,960.66
Land Taking for Highway Purposes	803.00
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	\$19,340.77

DeWITT T. MINICH, Chairman  
JOHN G. BOLTON  
RICHARD DeMARK  
JAMES H. HEEREMANS  
CARLYLE W. THOMAS



**WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County,

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Masconomet Regional School, Boxford, on Monday the second day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town officers and committees.

Article 2. To act on the proposed budget and to see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Election, Interest on Loans, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen, and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,500.00 or other suitable amount for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1970, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and renew any note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 7. To appropriate the sum of money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,250.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction, to be used for construction on Washington Street.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$41,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 to be added to the Conservation Fund.

(Sponsored by the Conservation Commission)

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

(Sponsored by the Finance Committee)

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to be used to complete surfacing of Herrick Road.

(Sponsored by the Highway Surveyor)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purchase of Highway Equipment.

(Sponsored by the Highway Surveyor)

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to construct an office and communications room and install a fire detection system at the Boxford Center Fire Station.

(Sponsored by the Chief of the Fire Department)

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the appointment or hiring of a qualified "town engineer" (see report of committee author-

ized by Article 12, 1969 Warrant); this committee to report to the Town not later than October 1, 1970.

(Sponsored by the Committee to Study Appointment of a Building Inspector on a Regional Basis)

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500.00 or other suitable sum for the construction of two tennis courts at the Spofford Pond School, specific sites to be agreed upon with the Elementary School Committee and said construction to be under the supervision of the Recreation Committee.

(Sponsored by the Recreation Committee)

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 or other suitable sum for the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library to be expended for the purpose of drilling a new well at the Boxford Village Library.

(Sponsored by the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library)

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to install an electric street light on Pole No. 322 on Main Street, West Boxford.

(Sponsored by Clayton Nelson)

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a vocational regional school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended; and that there be appropriated for the use of said committee the sum of \$100.00.

(Sponsored by the Boxford School Committee)

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for planning and organizational expenses relative to the formation of a Regional Refuse Disposal District. These funds, together with matching amounts from the towns of Topsfield and Wenham, to be expended under the jurisdiction of the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board by the BTW Health District until formation of the district is accomplished. This is in accordance with the

provisions of section 44B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended.

(Sponsored by the Boxford-Topsfield-Wenham Health District)

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to require the Planning Board to conduct a study of the zoning by-law in its entirety for the purpose of proposing amendments thereto, especially as concerns the following sections:

(A) Section II — Establishment of Districts;

(B) Section IV — New construction and new uses, especially to consider the construction of multi-family dwelling units; and

(C) Section VI — Development Regulations, especially to consider the reduction in lot-size requirements.

The Planning Board shall conduct public hearings in connection with its study and report its findings and recommendations to the Town in writing on or before the next annual Town Meeting.

(Sponsored by Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IX Subsection D of the Zoning By-Law as follows: Strike the words "Any such appeals shall be filed within twenty (20) days of the action or refusal" and substitute therefor: "Any such appeals shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the action or refusal."

(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IX of the Zoning By-Law by striking out Subsection E and inserting the following:

"E. Complaint of Violation. Any person may make a complaint to the Building Inspector that a provision of this By-Law is being violated. Such complaint shall be in writing to the Building Inspector with a copy to the Board of Selectmen and shall clearly specify the alleged violation(s). Within 21 days of receipt the Building Inspector shall render a decision in writing to the person making the complaint stating whether there is or is not a violation and shall send



a copy of said decision to the Board of Selectmen. In the absence of a decision by the Building Inspector by the end of the stated time, the Board of Selectmen shall within the next following 21 days render in writing a decision on the complaint.

"F. Violations and Penalty. Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense."

(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section X subsection D of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the present subsection and substituting the following:

"The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide appeals taken by any person aggrieved by reason of his inability to obtain a permit from the Building Inspector acting as enforcement officer under this By-Law. Upon such hearing, the Planning Board shall be requested to make a report and recommendation, which shall be filed as soon as practicable and not later than ten days before the time when the Board of Appeals is required to make its decision."

(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section X subsection E of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the present subsection and substituting the following:

"The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide requests for special permits as provided in previous sections of this By-Law. Upon such hearing, the Planning Board shall be requested to make a report and recommendation, which shall be filed as soon as practicable and not later than ten days before the time when the Board of Appeals is required to make its decision. Before granting any requests for a special permit in accordance with the previous sentence, the Board of Appeals shall determine that the use for which such permit is requested is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this By-Law."

(Sponsored by the Planning Board)



Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section X subsection F of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the present subsection and substituting the following:

"The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide requests for variance from the terms of the By-Law in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as may be from time to time amended. Upon such hearing, the Planning Board shall be requested to make a report and recommendation, which shall be filed as soon as practicable and not later than ten days before the time the Board of Appeals is required to make its decision."

(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VI subsection B-4-a-1 of the Zoning By-Law by striking out subsection 1 and substituting the following:

"1) For each dwelling in an R-A Residential-Agricultural District and for every building which includes a dwelling in any District there shall be a minimum continuous lot frontage of two hundred and fifty (250) feet."

(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

Article 28. To see if the Town will approve the formation of a volunteer, no-cost group to investigate the feasibility of using photographic and electronic devices to aid the police in the investigation of housebreaking and theft, as well as other criminal acts in the Town of Boxford.

(Sponsored by Bernard Caputo et als)

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a present police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$2,800 to purchase and equip, for the Police Department, with the advice of the Chief of Police, a vehicle to be used as a police cruiser-ambulance.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 to purchase and install an outside speaker for a police cruiser.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to purchase and install traffic control signs.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for land-taking on Washington Street in connection with Chapter 90 construction.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 33. To see if the Town will transfer the balance remaining in the Middleton Road land-taking account to an account for land-taking on Washington Street in connection with the Chapter 90 construction.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Highway Surveyor to charge for the costs of supervision by town employees of construction of new roads, such costs to be charged to the developers of said roads.

(Sponsored by the Finance Committee)

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief to charge for the costs of inspection of oil and gas burner installations.

(Sponsored by the Finance Committee)

Article 36. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to investigate the possibility of purchasing the land belonging to North Bennett Street Industrial School abutting Town property on the northerly side of Ipswich Road.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to abutters the land between the old and new sections of Middleton Road adjacent to the construction which was completed in 1969, such property to be sold for a sum not less than its cost to the Town.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for renovations to the Town Hall.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways Kimball Road and Tyler Road.

(Sponsored by John G. Bolton, Trustee)

Article 40. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in the Spofford Pond School, West Boxford, on Tuesday, the third day of March next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for one year; Selectman for three years; Town Treasurer for three years; Member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Collector of Taxes for one year; Member of the Board of Health for three years; Highway Surveyor for one year; Constable West Parish, for one year; Constable East Parish, for one year; two members of the Planning Board for five years; two members of the School Committee for three years; One member of the Regional District School Committee for three years; three Library Trustees for three years and one Library Trustee for one year; Tree Warden for one year.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12 NOON  
AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said Town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy.

HARRY L. COLE  
JOHN EVANS  
RUTH E. RACE  
Board of Selectmen

**EXPENDITURES AND PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Proposed Budget</b>
	<b>1968</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>1970</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
Selectmen	\$ 1,946.07	\$ 2,363.33	\$ 2,650.00
Board of Public Welfare	250.00	10.00	50.00
Assessors	3,213.52	3,440.10	3,900.00
Treasurer	2,340.68	3,556.88	4,025.00
Town Clerk	825.50	678.05	700.00
Accountant	3,994.01	3,830.11	4,000.00
Collector	2,010.00	2,000.00	2,600.00
Registrars	297.01	166.25	350.00
Elections	1,366.45	1,069.90	1,000.00
Town Counsel	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Conservation Commission	35.00	45.00	60.00
Appeal Board	175.07	591.87	500.00
Planning Board	467.65	83.02	900.00
Building Inspector	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Wire Inspector	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
Gas Inspector	544.00	581.00	600.00
Plumbing Inspector	531.00	488.86	650.00
Finance Committee	20.00	20.00	35.00
Recreation Committee	1,286.53	2,720.08	4,000.00
Board of Health	7,204.75	9,585.99	10,020.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	409.51	564.01	750.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Child Guidance Center	325.00	600.80	783.20
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	\$ 30,518.75	\$ 35,845.25	\$ 41,123.20
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:</b>			
Dog Officer	\$ 499.00	\$ 279.00	\$ 400.00
*Police	42,434.85	49,394.76	70,500.00
Fire Department	19,321.15	22,790.26	25,455.00
Tree Warden	1,950.40	2,000.00	2,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,396.50	1,400.00	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,900.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
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	\$ 67,501.90	\$ 77,864.02	\$ 101,755.00
<b>AID AND RELIEF:</b>			
Veteran's Benefits	3,235.90	2,337.70	3,000.00
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	\$3,235.90	\$ 2,337.70	\$ 3,000.00



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	<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Proposed Budget 1970</b>
	<b>1968</b>	<b>1969</b>	
<b>SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES:</b>			
Schools — Town	\$342,161.56	\$407,836.47	\$487,267.00
Regional District School	509,985.06	599,030.00	765,255.56
Town Libraries	22,838.08	24,567.54	25,430.00
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	\$874,984.70	\$1,031,434.01	\$1,277,952.56
* May be amended at Town Meeting			
<b>HIGHWAYS:</b>			
Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 2,609.89	\$ 2,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	21,371.75	21,727.50	2,800.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	27,595.50	43,148.39	30,000.00
Street Lighting	834.15	825.82	1,300.00
Vacation Account	2,053.50	1,526.00	2,500.00
Sick Benefit	352.50	168.00	1,000.00
Operational Expense		1,500.00	3,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	4,500.00	6,480.20	3,500.00
General Highway Department			2,000.00
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	\$ 61,007.40	\$ 77,985.80	\$ 48,100.00
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>			
Town Halls	\$ 2,590.68	\$ 1,722.19	\$ 2,000.00
Public Grounds	28.03	64.00	300.00
Town Forest			100.00
Civil Defense	121.60	282.33	200.00
Insurance	2,984.06	2,817.87	4,490.00
Memorial Day	525.00	631.82	600.00
Soldiers Graves	225.00	225.00	225.00
*Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	50.00	100.00
*Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00	150.00	100.00
Harmony Cemetery	150.00	150.00	150.00
"Old" Town Cemetery	50.00	50.00	50.00
Town Reports	1,710.95	1,495.75	2,000.00
Clerical	1,469.02	1,475.26	1,800.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	1,231.34	1,221.79	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt and Temporary Loan	2,736.33	13,147.79	17,393.00
School House Notes	26,000.00	36,204.00	34,000.00
Comunity House	116.15	112.33	300.00
Group Hospital & Life Insurance	4,415.94	5,187.83	5,200.00
Water Source Survey	606.52	151.10	1,000.00
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	\$ 45,161.02	\$ 65,139.06	\$ 72,158.00

\* May be amended at Town Meeting









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OF THE

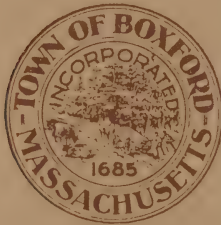
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

# TOWN OF BOXFORD

Together with the  
Report of the School Committee, and  
the Various Town Officers

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1970



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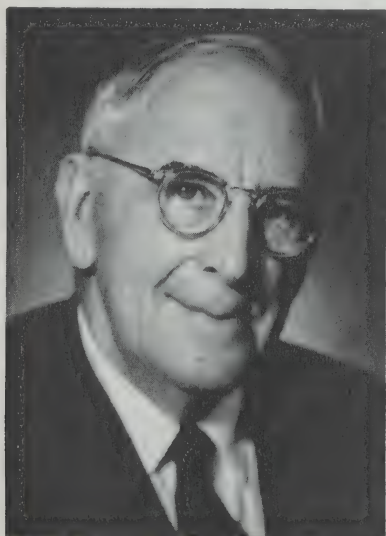
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**The 1970 Annual Report of the Town of Boxford  
is dedicated to Harry Lee Cole  
with the resolution adopted in the minutes  
of the Selectmen's meeting of May 18, 1970**

Although a mere notation in the minutes can never begin to encompass the scope of the contribution of Harry Lee Cole to our town, we want to set down in the historical records of Boxford the great sadness felt in his passing. It seems strange that his name will no longer appear in these minutes after sixty-one years of devoted service to Boxford, but we hereby declare the deep gratitude of all those whom he served for so long. His years of dedication, perhaps unequalled in Massachusetts, have meant more than anyone of us can express; they are apparent in the Boxford we enjoy today, which has gracefully endured the transition from the farm community of not many years ago. The interests of Harry Lee Cole were centered not only on his Selectman's role, but spread to every corner of the town's affairs.

His mark has been indelibly imprinted on the half-century of the life of Boxford.



**HARRY LEE COLE**  
1882 – 1970

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**William J. Greenler, Sr., DVM**

**1890 – 1970**

Inspector of Animals	1932 - 1970
Moderator	1935 - 1944
State Representative	1923 - 1926
Dog Officer	1943 - 1944

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**Charlotte L. Maddock, MD**

**1897 – 1970**

Conservation Commission	1968 - 1970
Board of Registrars	1953

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**Norman M. Marshall**

**1907 – 1970**

Building Inspector	1948 - 1950
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## TOWN OFFICERS

### Elected

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ruth E. Race	Term Expires 1973
Harry L. Cole (deceased)	
John Evans	Term Expires 1972
Earl Blake	Term Expires 1971

#### MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

#### TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term Expires 1971
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term Expires 1971

#### TOWN TREASURER

Francis E. Perry	Term Expires 1973
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#### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Frederick A. Smallman

#### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry L. Cole (deceased)	
Chester K. Twiss	Term Expires 1971
J. Warren Chadwick	Term Expires 1972
John R. Benson (appointed)	Term Expires 1971

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

Harry L. Cole (deceased)	
Una K. Bakewell	Term Expires 1972
Buell C. Bassette	Term Expires 1973
William E. Crosby (appointed)	Term Expires 1971

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Peter K. Race	Term Expires 1971
A. Gordon Price	Term Expires 1972
Harris R. Gates	Term Expires 1972
Webster B. Brockelman, Jr.	Term Expires 1973
Albert D. Wood	Term Expires 1973

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Amy G. Parkhurst	Richard P. Chadwick	Harry E. Trask
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## TREE WARDEN

Robert E. Hebb

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Clinton E. French

## CONSTABLES

Harold O. Sederquest	Walter H. Gamans, Jr.
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## PLANNING BOARD

David L. Pitt	(1971)	Charles P. A. Nelson	(1973)
Craig E. Falk	(1971)	Robert E. Borden	(1974)
Thomas B. Greenman	(1972)	William H. Sullivan	(1975)
William P. Pescosolido (1975)			

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### REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Edward C. Bryant	(1971)	Philip Bogdanoff	(1972)
	Lewis C. Doggett	(1973)	

### TRUSTEES OF THE BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY

John F. G. Eichorn	(1971)	Rosamond P. Gowen	(1972)
Milton E. Lord	(1971)	Frederick G. Lehmann	(1972)
Clement E. Sutton	(1971)	Catherine T. Thomas	(1972)
	Ethel M. Houser	(1973)	
	H. Irene Latham	(1973)	
	Donald K. Reiland	(1973)	



## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## TOWN OFFICERS - APPOINTED

## TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley

Term expires 1971

## CHIEF OF POLICE

Douglas A. Warren

## CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charles E. Killam

## APPEAL BOARD

(Terms expire in December)

Simeon Locke, M.D.

(1970)

Roland W. Butters

(1971)

Donald Scutiére

(1972)

## APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

William J. McGrath

(1971)

Peter Bedrosian

(1972)

John Marsh

(1970)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robson W. Shelly resigned (1971)

Charles S. Hatch

(1972)

Mrs. Richard Price (1971)

Earle O. Latham

(1972)

Charlotte L. Maddock (deceased)

Rosamond P. Gowen

(1973)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

DeWitt T. Minich

(1971)

John G. Bolton

(1973)

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Richard DeMark	(1972)	James H. Heeremans	(1973)
Carlyle W. Thomas	(1972)		

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

A. Gordon Price	(1971)	Robert J. Cavanaugh	(1972)
Edward McIlvaine	(1971)	William C. Abbott, Jr.	(1973)
Donald Behrens	(1972)	John J. Hudson	(resigned)

## MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Robert E. Hebb  
(Term expires May 31, 1970)

## FOREST WARDEN

Charles E. Killam

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William H. Greenler, DVM (deceased)

## INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Walter H. Gamans, Jr.	Arthur H. Smith
(This function was taken over by the State Department of Public Health in December 1970)	

## TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Archer N. French

## DOG OFFICER

Donald E. Hughes

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TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE  
(Terms expire in December)

Winthrop P. Haynes	(1970)	Robert B. Parkhurst	(1971)
	Stanwood R. Morss	(1972)	

## CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell (resigned)  
E. Preston Gould

## DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Henry W. Nason

John M. Moore

## COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

F. Richard Shaw

## POLICE OFFICERS

Sgt. John P. Curran

Sgt. Fred D. Newell

Sgt. Harold O. Sederquest

Paul M. Bates  
Earle Blake (resigned)  
Louis E. Dumas, Jr.  
Clinton E. French  
David R. French  
Walter H. Gamans, Jr.  
David L. Ladd

Alerson E. Noyes  
Joseph A. Pageau  
Gordon A. Russell, Jr.  
William F. Stone  
James T. Stromberg  
John H. Ward, Jr.  
Robert M. Woodbury

## RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson  
Horace D. Moore

Ernest K. Mortimer  
Francis S. Smith

## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

John Stuart Haywood	(1971)	Julius Sasso	(1971)
Wade Elliott	(1973)	Frederick B. Monell, Jr.	(1974)
From the School Committee		Harris Gates	
		Gordon Price	
		Peter Race	

## WATER RESOURCES AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Buell L. Bassette	(1971)	Donald J. Scutiére	(1973)
William A. Cheney (resigned)	(1972)	Clayton A. Nelson	(1974)
E. Brewster Wayland	(1972)	Patricia Bailly	(1975)

## HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

Merton Barrows	Thomas Greenman
Margaret Cross	Joyce Heeremans
Clark Gowen	John Marsh
Loren Wood	

## NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE

A. Gordon Price	Kenneth Littlefield
Kathleen Murphy (resigned)	

## TOWN ENGINEER STUDY COMMITTEE

James D. Brown	Vernon Hawkins
William Cunningham	J. Alden Lincoln
Beverly Verrengia	

## FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT  
OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Bernard E. Bingham, District Director

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

E. Laurence Colby		Gretchen Nault	(1973)
George A. Gould	(1971)	Rachel Holley	(1972)

## ELECTION OFFICERS

## Precinct I

Carol N. Martens	Barbara J. Ross
Mary Edwards	Mary Lou McDevitt
Anna Karedes	Louise Gingrande
Alice A. Farnsworth	Joyce A. Chub

## Precinct II

Patricia Wheeler	Beatrice B. Wheeler
Audrey J. Ladd	Faye Jennings
Kathryn R. Dineen	Barbara Chadwick
Grace I. McGregor	Helen F. McLaughlin

## INSPECTORS

Building Inspector	Henry W. Nason, West Boxford	352-2323
Wire Inspector	Herbert W. Sperry, West Boxford	352-2470
Gas Inspector	Gardner W. Starrett, Boxford	887-5058
Plumbing Inspector	Harold R. Galloway, Boxford	887-2232



**BOXFORD DATA**

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685 and its population at the time of the 1970 census was 4,001. The number of registered voters in 1970 was 2,064.

Area in square miles, 24.39; miles of Town road, 72.83.

Boxford is in the Third Essex Senatorial District. The Senator is William L. Saltonstall, 388 Summer Street, Manchester.

The Town is in the Twelfth Essex Representative District, and the Representative is Robert C. Buell, Woodcrest Road, Boxford.

**LIST OF JURORS - 1970-1971**

Abbott, William C., Salesman, Topsfield Rd.  
Ackerman, Alfred R., Jr., Salesman, Ipswich Rd.  
Behrens, Donald C., Salesman, King George Dr.  
Benedict, Ernest, Insurance, Ipswich Rd.  
Benulis, Helen L., Housewife, Silverbrook Rd.  
Boren, Janet B., Housewife, Bridlespur Rd.  
Clark, Lewis, Engineer, Mill Run Rd.  
Davidson, Jack R., Merchant, Curtis Rd.  
Dotson, John P., Engineer, Willow Rd., W. Boxford  
Earnshaw, George R., Sales Manager, Depot Rd.  
Eckel, William J., Engineer, Ipswich Rd., W. Boxford  
Falk, Craig E., Engineer, Elm St.  
Fasano, John, System Manager, Hillside Rd.  
Faulkner, Leroy M., Engineer, Woodcrest Rd.  
Gordon, Bruce J., Engineer, King John Drive  
Holley, Frederick R., Research Tech., Killam Hill Rd.  
Homsy, George, Electrical Engineer, Cross Rd.  
Jeffery, David E., Jr., Insurance Executive, Main St., W. Boxford  
Kernander, Ann E., Housewife, King John Rd.  
Knisely, Charles K., Chemical Engineer, Cross Rd.

Lincoln, Charles W., Chemist, Bare Hill Rd.  
Lindsay, Harry William, Plant Manager, Stonecleave Rd.  
Little, Kathleen, Housewife, Lake Shore Rd., W. Boxford  
Loebell, Virginia, Housewife, Topsfield Rd.  
Milley, Arthur R., Engineer, Crest Circle  
Nelson, Clayton A., Retired, Main St., W. Boxford  
Patscheider, Arthur C., Pattern maker, Spofford Rd., W. Boxford  
Pearl, Clara E., Housewife, Main St., W. Boxford  
Peterson, Thomas R., Asst. Sales Manager, King George Drive  
Prevost, Bruno, Retired, Lily Pond Rd., W. Boxford  
Rock, Eleanor H., Secretary, Ipswich Rd.  
Roland, Patricia A., Housewife, King George Drive  
Stephens, Jay A., Engineer, Glen Forest Drive  
Thompson, Gordon, Engineer, Hemlock Rd.  
Vint, Jean P., Librarian, Lantern Lane  
Walsh, Marjorie, Secretary, Main St.  
Wayland, E. Brewster, Civil Service, Herrick Rd.  
Wheeler, Gardner A., Salesman, Middleton Rd.  
Wood, Loren M., Marketing, Kelsey Rd.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK****ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1970**

The voters of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional District School on March 2, 1970 with 450 attending. After a prayer by Rev. Arthur White, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator. The action taken on the articles of the warrant was as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town officers and committees as printed in the town report.

Article 2. Voted to adopt the proposed budget as printed with the following exceptions: Inspector of Slaughtering, \$500.00; Police, \$69,300.00; Dutch Elm Disease Control, \$2,500.00; Regional District School, \$744,643.-48; Boxford Village Cemetery, \$150.00; Brookside Cemetery, \$100.00, was added.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$3,500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$25,000.00 for the Researve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Researve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1970, and to issue any note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws:

Article 6. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$199.28 to pay bills of charge for Police.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate \$672.69 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses, and to make this sum available to Boxford Libraries.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,250.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction, to be used for construction on Washington Street.

Article 9. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$41,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

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Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Conservation Fund.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to be used to complete surfacing of Herrick Road, and install guard rails.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purchase of Highway Equipment.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to construct an office and communications room and install a fire detection system at the Boxford Center Fire Station.

Article 15. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the appointment or hiring of a qualified "town engineer" (see report of committee authorized by Article 12, 1969 warrant); this committee to report to the Town not later than October 1, 1970.

Article 16. Article was voted down.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library to be expended for the purpose of drilling a new well at the Boxford Village Library.

Article 18. Voted to pass over.

Article 19. Voted to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a vocational regional school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended; and that \$100.00 be raised and appropriated for the use of said committee.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for planning and organizational expenses relative to the formation of a Regional Refuse Disposal District, these funds, together with matching amounts from the towns of Topsfield and Wenham, to be expended under the jurisdiction of The Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board by the BTW Health District until formation of the district is accomplished. This is in accordance with the provisions of Section 44B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended.

Article 21. Voted to postpone indefinitely.

Article 22. Voted unanimously to amend Section IX, Subsection D, of the Zoning By-law as follows: Strike the words "Any such appeals shall be filed within twenty (20) days of the action or refusal" and substitute therefor:



“Any such appeals shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the action or refusal”.

Article 23. Voted unanimously to amend Section IX of the Zoning By-Law by striking out subsection E and inserting the following: “E. Complaint of Violation. Any person may make a complaint to the Building Inspector that a provision of this By-Law is being violated. Such complaint shall be in writing to the Building Inspector with a copy to the Board of Selectmen and shall clearly specify the alleged violation(s). Within 21 days of receipt, the Building Inspector shall render a decision in writing to the person making the complaint stating whether there is or is not a violation and shall send a copy of said decision to the Board of Selectmen. In the absence of a decision by the Building Inspector by the end of the stated time, the Board of Selectmen shall within the next following 21 days, render in writing a decision on the complaint.

“F. Violations and Penalty. Whoever violates any provision of the ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense”.

Article 24. Voted unanimously to amend Section X, Subsection D of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the present subsection and substituting the following:

The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide appeals taken by any person aggrieved by reason of his inability to obtain a permit from the Building Inspector acting as enforcement officer under this By-Law. Upon such hearing, the Planning Board shall be requested to make a report and recommendation, which shall be filed as soon as practicable and not later than 10 days before the time when the Board of Appeals is required to make its decision.

Article 25. Voted unanimously to amend Section X, Subsection E of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the present subsection and substituting the following:

“The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide requests for special permits as provided in previous sections of this By-Law. Upon such hearing, the Planning Board shall be requested to make a report and recommendation, which shall be filed as soon as practicable and not later than ten days before the time when the Board of Appeals is required to make its decision. Before granting any requests for a special permit in accordance with the previous sentence, the Board of Appeals shall determine that the use for which such per-



mit is requested is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this By-Law".

Article 26. Voted unanimously to amend Section X, Subsection F of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the present subsection and substituting the following:

"The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide requests for variance from the terms of the By-Law in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as may be from time to time amended. Upon such hearing, the Planning Board shall be requested to make a report and recommendation, which shall be filed as soon as practicable and not later than ten days before the time the Board of Appeals is required to make its decision".

Article 27. Voted unanimously to amend Section VI, Subsection B-4-a-1 of the Zoning By-Law by striking out subsection 1 and substituting the following:

"1) For each dwelling in an R-A Residential-Agricultural District and for every building which includes a dwelling in any district there shall be a minimum continuous lot frontage of two hundred and fifty (250) feet.

Article 28. Voted to pass over.

Article 29. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a present police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$2,800.00 to purchase and equip, for the Police Department, with the advice of the Chief of Police, a vehicle to be used as a police cruiser ambulance.

Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 to purchase and install an outside speaker for a police cruiser.

Article 31. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to purchase and install traffic control signs to be recommended by a Highway Safety Survey yet to be undertaken.

Article 32 and Article 33. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.54 for land taking on Washington Street in connection with Chapter 90 construction; and to transfer the balance of \$499.46 remaining in the Middleton Road land taking account to an account for land taking on Washington Street in connection with the Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 34. Voted to charge the costs of inspection by town employees of construction of new roads, and such fees to be paid to the town.

Article 35. Voted to pass over.

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Article 36. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to investigate the possibility of purchasing the land belonging to North Bennett Street Industrial School abutting Town property on the northerly side of Ipswich Road and to authorize the Selectmen to engage in negotiation for its purchase.

Article 37. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey to abutters the land between the old and new sections of Middleton Road adjacent to the construction which was completed in 1969, such property to be sold for a sum not less than its cost to the Town and in its entirety to allow for later abandonment of the old road.

Article 38. Voted to raise and appropriate \$946.89 and to appropriate \$1,553.11 from the Town Hall Account of 1968 for renovations to the Town Hall.

Article 39. Voted to accept Kimball Road and Tyler Road as Public ways.

Article 40. Voted to adjourn at 11:30 p.m.

A true record

Attest: E. Laurence Colby  
Town Clerk

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## BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1970

## General Government

Selectmen	\$ 2,650.00
Board of Public Welfare	50.00
Assessors	3,900.00
Treasurer	4,025.00
Town Clerk	700.00
Accountant	4,000.00
Collector	2,600.00
Registrars	350.00
Elections	1,000.00
Town Counsel	1,200.00
Conservation Commission	60.00
Appeal Board	500.00
Planning Board	900.00
Building Inspector	1,100.00
Wire Inspector	1,200.00
Gar Inspector	600.00
Plumbing Inspector	650.00
Finance Committee	35.00
Recreation Committee	4,000.00
Board of Health	10,020.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	500.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Child Guidance Center	783.20

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\$ 40,873.20

## Protection of Persons and Property

Dog Officer	\$ 400.00
Police	69,300.00
Fire Department	25,455.00
Tree Warden	2,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00

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Dutch Elm Disease	2,500.00
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	\$101,055.00

## Aid and Relief

Veteran's Benefits	\$ 3,000.00
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## School and Libraries

Schools — Town	\$ 487,267.00
Regional District School	744,643.48
Town Libraries	25,430.00
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	\$1,257,340.00

## Highways

Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,800.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	30,000.00
Street Lighting	1,300.00
Vacation Account	2,500.00
Sick Benefit	1,000.00
Operational Expense	3,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	3,500.00
General Highway Department	2,000.00
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	\$48,100.00

## Unclassified

Town Halls	\$ 2,000.00
Public Grounds	300.00
Town Forest	100.00
Civil Defense	200.00
Insurance	4,490.00
Memorial Day	600.00
Soldier's Graves	225.00

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Mt. Vernon Cemetery	100.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
"Old" Town Cemetery	50.00
Harmony Cemetery	150.00
Brookside Cemetery	100.00
Town Reports	2,000.00
Clerical	1,800.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	
and Temporary Loan	17,393.00
School House Notes	34,000.00
Community House	300.00
Group Hospital & Life Insurance	5,200.00
Water Source Survey	1,000.00

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 \$72,158.00

 Total Budget \$1,481,653.48

Transfer Spofford School Addition	\$18,327.24	
Transfer Masconomet Regional		
School Planning	<u>15,252.05</u>	<u>33,579.29</u>

 Total Budget to be raised \$1,448,074.19  
 and appropriated

 Other Items to be raised  
 and appropriated

Article 6	\$ 199.28
Article 8	7,250.00
Article 10	1,500.00
Article 11	25,000.00
Article 12	4,500.00
Article 13	8,500.00
Article 14	1,750.00
Article 17	1,500.00



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Article 19	100.00	
Article 20	1,000.00	
Article 29	2,800.00	
Article 30	350.00	
Article 31	1,000.00	
Article 32	1,500.00	
Article 38	<u>946.89</u>	\$ 57,896.71
Total to be raised and appropriated		\$1,505,970.90

## TRANSFERS

Spofford School Addition	\$ 18,327.24
Masconomet Regional School Planning	15,252.05
Article 9	41,000.00
Article 3	3,500.00
Article 4	25,000.00
Article 7	672.69
Article 38	1,553.11
Article 33	<u>499.46</u>
Total Transfers	\$ 105,804.55

A True Record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY

Town Clerk

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### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 30, 1970

The Voters of Boxford met at the Spofford Pond School at 8 p.m. on November 30, for a special town meeting, with 70 present. After a prayer by Rev. Arthur White, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the Moderator. The action taken on the articles of the warrant was as follows:

Article 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$502.50 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the town libraries.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,390.02 for highway improvement, said sum to be transferred from funds received from the State under Chapter 768, Acts of 1969, Section 4.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Board of Health for unanticipated expenditures during the year and transfer said amount from available funds in the Treasury.

Article 4. Voted to accept as public ways the following as shown on lay-outs accepted and approved by the Selectmen on November 23, 1970: Bevedere Road, Plummer Road, Pye Brook Lane, an additional portion of Stonecleave Road, Tanglewood Road. Moonpenny Drive, Olde Farms Road and Balmoral Road.

Article 5. Voted to adopt the following by-law:

"No person shall grade or change the grade on a driveway at the intersection of a public way so as to obstruct the removal of snow, the drainage of water, or otherwise cause hazardous road conditions. Wherever new construction or alteration is done on a lot fronting upon a public way, no occupancy permit shall be issued until the Highway Surveyor finds that the grading and drainage of the intersecting driveway or driveways are adequate and do not obstruct removal of snow or drainage of water, or otherwise cause hazardous conditions.

"Violation of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars. The surveyor of highways shall warn the property owner or occupant of any violation of this by-law, and after such warning each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate offense." Adopted by overwhelming voice Vote.

Article 6. Voted to transfer the amount of \$2,644.00 when received in reimbursement under the Federal Highway Safety Project - Police Traffic Services - to the Police Department.

Article 7. Voted to transfer from the Boxford Village Library Well Ac-

count the following: \$350.00 to Veterans' Benefits; \$100.00 to Elections; \$410.00 to Group Hospital and Life Insurance.

Article 8. Voted to acquire for nominal consideration of \$1.00 for the use of the fire department, an easement over and to a certain area of land owned by Bertha Perley on the easterly side of Fish Brook, bordered 100 ft. on Fish Brook extending southerly from Middleton Road and 50 ft. wide; said easement to include the right to enter, pass and re-pass, with vehicles and equipment, for the purposes of the fire department, including also the right to clear, grade and fill any or all of such area to grade pitching from the existing road grade.

Article 9. Voted to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver a deed of release to Olive R. Metcalf, Trustee, under declaration of trust dated November 10, 1965, and recorded May 8, 1970, parcels "A" and "B", shown on a plan of land in Boxford January 7, 1965, Charles H. Morse and Sons, Engineers, to be filed in the Land Court, occupied by Melvin H. Jenkins and J. Warren Chadwick respectively. Said parcels being further described in deeds recorded Book 5300 pages 98 and 99.

Parcel 1. The land in that part of Boxford called West Boxford on the Easterly side of Main Street, bounded as follows: Beginning at the Northeast-erly corner thereof by said Main Street and by land of Amy G. Parkhurst; thence running South 80 degrees 5 ft. east following the wall by said Park-hurst land 234 feet, more or less to a beach tree in the wall by land of Melvin H. Jenkins: thence running South 11 degrees 55 ft. East by said Jenkins land 339 feet, more or less, to an iron pipe bound; thence running South 84 de-grees 5 ft. West still by land of said Jenkins passing through iron pipe bounds placed about 100 feet apart, 297 feet, more or less, to said Main Street; thence running Northerly by said Main Street 332 feet, more or less, to said Parkhurst land and point begun at.

Containing 2.01 acres, more or less. Being shown as Parcel B on a plan recorded in the Land Court.

Parcel 2. A certain parcel of land in Boxford on the Easterly side of Main Street, bounded as follows: Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof by said Main Street and by land of Ralph E. O'Neal and Helen D. O'Neal; thence running in a Northwesterly direction by said Main Street on various courses, 493.02 feet, 65 feet, 60 feet and 97.34 feet to land marked Parcel B as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned; thence in a general East-erly direction by said Parcel B on three courses, 100 feet, 100.40 feet and

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96.70 feet to an iron pipe bound; thence in a Northerly direction still by Parcel B, 338.33 feet to land of Amy G. Parkhurst; thence in an Easterly direction by said land of Parkhurst, 109.76 feet to an iron pipe bound; thence Northwesterly by the same land 388.03 feet and on a slightly different course 8.03 feet; thence Northeasterly by land believed to be of said Parkhurst 524 feet to Lily Pond Road; thence, Southeasterly by said Lily Pond Road, 74 feet to land of M. Janet Tardy; thence Southeasterly by land of M. Janet Tardy, 741 feet and in the same direction by land of Stanwood R. Morss 113.13 feet to a corner and the Town of Boxford; thence Southwesterly by said land of Town of Boxford, 195.98 feet, 117.14 feet and 184.21 feet to a stake and stones; thence in a Southeasterly direction by said Town of Boxford, 60.50 feet, 125.84 feet, 129.88 feet, 169.92 feet and 79.11 feet to land of John G. Bolton; thence Southwesterly by land of John G. Bolton, 532.84 feet to land of said O'Neals; thence Southwesterly by land of said O'Neals, 183.83 feet to an iron pipe by said Main Street and the corner begun at.

Being shown as Parcel "A" on a plan marked "Plan of land in Boxford. Scale: 100 feet to an inch. Chas. H. Morse & Son, Eng's. 7 Jan. 1965."

Article 10. Voted to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

A true record.

Barbara C. Perley,  
Ass't Town Clerk

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## BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1970 IN BOXFORD

Date	Name	Parents
<b>1969</b>		
Dec. 18	Kyle Lesley Crawford	Lester Gordon Crawford Sally Ann Knowlton
<b>1970</b>		
Jan. 16	Jay Matthew Perkins	Bruce Stephen Perkins Anita Louise Moreau
Jan. 22	Allison Seymour	Lester Lawrence Seymour Ruth Ann Larrabee
Feb. 2	Leanne Foster	Herbert Bradbury Foster Sandra Ann Tardiff
Feb. 4	Allen Strathy Draper	Wilmot Strathy Draper Barbara Ann Gallo
Feb. 8	Eric Dane Frost	Charles D. Frost Donnamarie C. Dowling
Feb. 23	Jonathan Keith White	James Shannon White Judith Marilyn Culver
Feb. 28	Dana Loring Stark Whitaker	Carl Franklin Whitaker, Jr. Roberta Ann Munsey
March 15	Richard David Hubbard	Richard J. Hubbard Victoria M. Seaman
March 21	Matthew William Drislane	Dennis James Drislane Elena Phyllis Speranza
March 22	Margaret Emily Sova	Charles Emil Sova Edith Kim Bovell
March 24	Elizabeth Diana Timpson	Richard Lionel Timpson Carol Elizabeth Pescosolido
March 25	Cheryl Ann Bourque	Joseph Charles Bourque, Jr. Lucille Gertrude Scanlon
April 2	Paul Robert Fugere	Robert Edmund Fugere Carol Ann Buote
April 4	Johanna Lynne Twiss	Chester Knight Twiss Sandra Ann Hooper



April 11	Amy Beth Huyffer	Paul Stuart Huyffer
		Helen Hutchinson Lytle
April 19	Joanna Coolidge	Nathaniel Silsbee Coolidge
		Camilla Cutler
April 25	Bruce Wilson Rogers	Kenneth Paul Rogers
		Carol Jane McConnell
May 1	Mary Alicia Lorentz	James Peter Lorentz
		Barbara Ann Damato
May 14	Robert Maxwell McGarr	David Edward McGarr
		Norma Elizabeth Winslow
May 21	Laurie Ann Pearsall	Richard Joseph Pearsall
		Dorothy Ann Labbe
May 23	Liane Spinney	Philip Thomas Spinney
		Dorothy Janet Byrnes
June 1	James Morris Bishop	Robert Ritchie Bishop
		Carole Joyce Blaisdell
June 20	Lucinda Loring Hinnendael	Thomas Hurley Hinnendael
		Lucinda Joan Loring
July 3	Katherine Ann Benulis	Walter Edward Benulis
		Helen Louise Stefenski
July 4	Sara Lynn Williamson	Delbert Lee Williamson
		Barbara Jean Ossian
July 12	Kendell Lee Longo	John Anthony Longo
		Sharon Lee Galeazzi
July 21	Carter Fieldhouse Fenton	Richard Temple Fenton
		Edith Carter
July 23	Sarah Jane Pescosolido	William Bulkeley Pescosolido
		Bernice May Stallings
Aug. 2	Justin Wallace Lewis	James Pettis Lewis
		Roberta Ann Morse
Aug. 8	Kevin Michael Roche	Thomas F. Roche
		Barbara J. Blaisdell
Aug. 10	Tamara Ann Lanza	Thomas James Lanza
		Carol Jean Bartolozucci
Aug. 17	Naura Ellen Curran	Donald Bruce Curran
		Carol Ann Cooper
Sept. 15	Caroline Glesmann	Edward F. Glesmann
		Jeanette Polhemus

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Sept. 18	Caroline Buckman Barnes	Thomas Carl Barnes
		Sarah Buckman Milford
Sept. 23	Jennifer Sue Nassar	Henry James Nassar, Jr.
		Susan M. Bennett
Sept. 24	Johnna Kristen Bellone	Elmer Almarindo Bellone
		Ruth Marie Pelgrim
Oct. 9	Wendy Sue Pearl	Jack Raymond Pearl
		Nancy Ann Pooles
Nov. 8	Elizabeth Heeth Dana	Robert G. Dana
		Ann Sheffield Wilson
Nov. 21	Desa Carin Green	Charles Green
		Sandra Patricia Smith

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## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1970

Date	Names	Residence
Jan. 17	Kurt Boye Kaiser	Lexington
	Christine Sanders Waters	Boxford
March 12	Gregory Allen Brettos	Boxford
	Janet Linda Coletta	Lawrence
March 20	Richard S. Wood	North Andover
	Susan Bell	Boxford
March 28	Douglas E. Molin	Boxford
	Susan Andrew	Topsfield
April 18	Kevin Gilbert Alder	Boxford
	Paulette DeBlois	Haverhill
May 16	William Charles Dracopoulos	Melrose
	Dorothy Louise Santoro	Malden
May 16	Richard D. Smith	Boxford
	Sally Cyr	Merrimac
May 30	John Carl Waraska	Nashua, N. H.
	Linda Joan Nangle	Boxford
June 13	Stephen John Lauer	Milwaukee, Wisc.
	Mary Ellen Peck	Boxford
June 14	Marcel D. Berard, Jr.	Hampton Falls, N. H.
	Heather Lois Galloway	Boxford
June 20	Wayne Alden Leighton	Boxford
	Susan Margaret Dann	Lynnfield
June 27	Donald Joseph Kennedy	Danvers
	Jacqueline Sue Silva	Boxford
June 27	David Harold Moyer	Cambridge
	Susan Ethel Jones	Boxford
June 27	Scott William Pinkham	Boxford
	Sara Ann Chadwick	Boxford
June 27	Michael W. Hebb	Boxford
	Linda S. Cunningham	Bradford
July 3	John P. Young, Jr.	Peabody
	Janet L. Sorenson	Boxford
July 5	William Joseph Bresnahan	Newburyport
	Carol Jean Walker	Boxford

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July 18	John Fox Cory	North Andover
	Lucinda Lee Brooks	Boxford
July 25	Robert Paul Pitts	Georgetown
	Patricia Joy Ericson	Boxford
Aug. 9	Thomas Charles Helfrich	Clark, N. J.
	Susan Louise Myers	Boxford
Aug. 22	Michael Lewis Ferber	Marblehead
	Carolyn Avila Quinn	Boxford
Aug. 22	Richard A. Frost	Boxford
	Elizabeth J. Burns	Lynn
Aug. 29	Joseph Donald Maynard	Boxford
	Janet Mildred Sawyer	Middleton
Sept. 1	Steven Roy Barnum	Boxford
	Sally Anne Young	South Hamilton
Oct. 4	James H. Nason	West Boxford
	Elizabeth Cooper	Newburyport
Oct. 17	Paul J. Greenler	Boxford
	Janet M. McClung	Boxford
Oct. 24	David P. Barr	Boxford
	Anne Yaeger	Topsfield
Oct. 24	Mark J. Hansbury	Danvers
	Carol J. Barnes	Boxford
Oct. 31	Michael J. Burke	Boxford
	Mary Ann Phelan	Swampscott
Nov. 1	Peter Stuart Haywood	Boxford
	Diane Marie Cummings	Roslindale
Dec. 19	David Morris Burns	Waltham
	Janet Myra Ward	North Andover
Dec. 19	Robert Freeman Houser	Boxford
	Nancy Charlton	Melrose

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## DEATHS RECORDED IN 1970

Date	Name	Age		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Feb. 2	Hilda A. Zarins	59	11	1
April 23	Dimon Lockwood	82	—	2
April 26	Bertha I. Rowe	89	—	—
May 14	Harry L. Cole	87	6	22
June 14	Julia Nancy Plassman	20	7	22
July 12	Herbert Homans Whittemore, Jr.	56	7	25
July 29	Mary E. LeBlanc	77	9	9
Aug. 1	Byron T. Atwood	85	1	16
Sept. 19	Helen K. Atwood	70	2	15
Oct. 7	Michael A. Fleming	84	—	19
Nov. 15	Frederick J. Shaw	79	8	19
Nov. 17	William Jeremiah Greenler	80	4	9
Nov. 18	Charlotte L. Maddock	72	11	24

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1970

207 Males	@ \$ 2.00	\$ 414.00
47 Females	@ 5.00	235.00
198 Spayed Females	@ 2.00	396.00
8 Kennels	@ 10.00	80.00
1 Kennel	@ 25.00	25.00
1 Kennel	@ 50.00	<u>50.00</u>
Total Received		\$1,200.00
Less - Fees to Town Clerk		<u>115.50</u>
Total to Town Treasurer		\$1,084.50



## FISH &amp; GAME LICENSES ISSUED IN 1970

125 Resident Fishing	@ \$ 5.25	\$ 656.25
48 Resident Hunting	@ 5.25	273.00
29 Resident Sporting	@ 8.25	239.25
22 Minor Fishing	@ 3.25	71.50
14 Female Fishing	@ 4.25	59.50
1 Citizen Trapping	@ 8.75	8.75
1 Non-resident Fishing	@ 5.25	5.25
2 Non-resident Fishing	@ 9.75	19.50
1 Alien Fishing	@ 9.75	9.75
1 Non-resident Hunting	@ 16.25	16.25
5 Sporting -- Free	----	----
3 Sporting -- Military	----	----
Total Received		\$1,359.00
Less - Fees to Town Clerk		<u>62.00</u>
Total to Fish & Game Department		\$1,297.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

It is difficult to start a report which for so many years has been written in a style unique to one person. This has been a year of tremendous transition for us, with the major impact, of course, resulting from the loss of our long-time Selectmen chairman, Harry Lee Cole. The thoughts of the remaining members of the Board on his passing are recorded in the dedication at the front of this book, but we express again our pleasure at having had the opportunity to have known Harry Cole, his wit and political acumen, as well as the tireless devotion which he felt for Boxford.

The by-laws of the town state that "the Selectmen shall, unless such information is contained in other reports to be published with the Annual Town Report, state what action has been taken --- in regard to town ways, county ways ---". This year we are pleased to have a separate report from the Highway Surveyor, outlining the work carried on under the various sections of that department's budget. In regard to legal matters concerning roads, hearings were held by county officials to record the official boundaries of the new section of Herrick Road; and the Selectmen have carried on negotiations with abutters of a portion of the old Middleton Road who wish to purchase the land between that section and the new Middleton Road. We hope that this transaction will be completed shortly. Our highway safety projects have continued with the completion of speed surveys on Ipswich Road, Main St., Lawrence Rd., and Engicott St. As of this writing, we note that we have protested the establishment of a 40 mile per hour zone in front of the Masconomet Regional High School by the Department of Public Works; but have been informed that upon resurvey by that department, a change will not be recommended. We will continue to explore other methods to provide for safe conditions in that area. During the year, we have added to our traffic warning signs, yellow lines, and street lights in an effort to minimize danger at hazardous locations, and we expect that this program will provide for regular assessment of any problem areas each year.

The by-law says further that the Selectmen shall "give full reports in regard to all suits against the town . . ." In June, 1970, a court hearing was held in the case of the Town of Boxford vs. Smith. This action resulted from the refusal of Mr. Smith to comply with the order of the Building Inspector to cease his trucking operation on Lake Shore Road. After the hearing, the master ruled in favor of the town, and his report was filed before the judge in

Salem Superior Court by the attorney representing the Town, Daniel Donovan. We have not yet received a final ruling from the judge.

The last item which the by-law states must be covered in the annual report of the Selectmen is a "detailed statement of the repairs made upon public buildings." Under an appropriation of the 1970 Town Meeting, the Town Hall was painted outside, and two rooms were painted inside. The hallway was opened up, allowing access to the rest rooms and kitchens. This permitted the small office to be locked, thus providing some badly needed space for files and work area. In addition, the remodeled hall and the kitchen have had a fresh coat of paint. Shelves were installed in the old highway office in the building adjacent to the fire station to increase the storage capacity of the town offices. The Selectmen are grateful for the efforts of Mr. Ronald Houldsworth in obtaining used office furniture, files, and extra chairs from General Electric for the new office facilities.

The West Boxford fire station was examined for structural defects by a special committee appointed by the Selectmen: Richard Hopping, Freddy Taymans and Clayton Nelson. Their report indicated certain areas requiring immediate attention and made the suggestion that these repairs be considered only temporary until a final decision is made concerning the permanent fate of the building. The Selectmen have obtained estimates from several local contractors on costs for these minor repairs and will, in all likelihood, make proposals about the station to the Town Meeting.

The School Committee has notified the Selectmen that the Gardner Morse School is available for town use on a permanent basis; but, although a number of uses for the building have been voiced, no agreement has been reached on this matter. The Town Facilities Planning Committee has discussed planning of future town buildings with the Selectmen and other department heads in order to try to determine priorities within this decade. The needs of the emergency services, fire and police departments, must be considered in balance with the needs of the schools and libraries in an effort to produce a sensible, while not excessive, program of replacement or additions to town buildings.

The Selectmen have represented the town at various functions during 1970: the dedication of the James L. Melvin American Legion Post, the official opening of the Highway Garage, held in conjunction with the first all-Boxford clean-up day, Memorial Day observances, Fourth of July parade, Troop 68 Eagle Scout Court of Honor, conferences on "Increasing the Tax Base" and on the "Conflict of Interest Law", the awarding of training certifi-

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We would like to express our thanks to all those who have given of their time and interest to help us during the year, in tackling the problems of the present and in planning ahead for the growth of the town.

For the Board of Selectmen

RUTH E. RACE, Chairman  
JOHN EVANS  
EARL BLAKE

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The year 1970 was a year of change for our Board. The passing of Harry L. Cole, our senior member, colleague and friend, caused a void difficult to fill; his day-to-day coverage at the Town Office has been assumed by our Assistant Assessor, Barbara C. Perley; his seat on the Board has been filled by John R. Benson, whose interest and efforts to date have been greatly appreciated by the Other Board members; however, Mr. Cole's wide knowledge of our taxable properties and his judgment and experience, gained by serving as an Assessor for more than five decades, has been lost to us and to the Town.

Our efforts in making Forms of List for the reporting of personal property available to each taxpayer were rewarded, as many replies were received. As a result, we experienced many fewer difficulties with the personal property tax this year. We will not mail Forms of List to all taxpayers each year, but those having taxable personal property should obtain the form at the Town Hall for filing annually.

Work on the revaluation and mapping projects is continuing with hopes that the revaluation will be completed in 1971 and mapping in 1972. Two of our Board members are scheduled to work on the revaluation two or three full days each week until it is completed.

Following our practice of the past several years, we are enclosing for publication, the 1970 Recapitulation Sheet, showing how the \$112.00 tax rate was computed.



cates to the Fire Department, meetings of the Regional Waste Disposal Planning Committee, annual meeting of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, and the annual meeting of the Essex County Selectmen's Association, at which memorial services were held for Mr. Cole. In addition, the chairman has attended sessions as the official delegate to the Central Merrimack Valley Regional Planning District Commission. Our perambulation duties, which occur every five years, were fulfilled on weekends during the Fall with all of our neighboring communities, except two. Rowley and Ipswich, which should have requested Boxford to perambulate, being "older" than Boxford, did not contact us.

Co-ordination of town boards and of town administration is an area to which the Selectmen have given considerable attention. In late October, a meeting of department heads and board chairmen was held to provide an opportunity for discussion of major problems confronting these various agencies. It is hoped that this can be an annual or semi-annual affair to facilitate better communication among town officials.

The Selectmen have felt that it is necessary to place the responsibility for the care of town buildings and grounds under one head instead of under a number of boards; and so are recommending the co-ordination of maintenance of buildings and grounds. We believe that previously scattered budgets in this category should be combined and that a superintendent of buildings and grounds should assume the responsibility for their care. Although this will require a capital outlay at its inception, we hope that eventually the town will be able to economize on maintenance costs; and, certainly, this plan should provide for a more efficient manner of administration.

Finally, in the field of communications, another area of co-ordination has been explored. The Selectmen conferred with the members of the Communications Committee following receipt of their report which was printed in the 1969 Town Report. Concurring with their recommendations, the Selectmen appointed a Communications Director, F. Richard Shaw, who has prepared plans for a central communications system. We are recommending to the town that police and fire communications be joined to provide a central answering service, to be manned 24 hours a day. This will, we believe, give efficient and effective service to the citizens of Boxford. It is expected that the Highway Department will also be able to have communication to its vehicles through the center for emergency purposes, and that a Civil Defense number will be provided for as well.



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Since we are no longer required by State law to maintain a Table of Aggregates, we are omitting this information from this report.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOXFORD BOARD OF ASSESSORS

CHESTER K. TWISS  
J. WARREN CHADWICK  
JOHN R. BENSON

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Boxford

## 1970 RECAPITULATION

TOWN: (Total Appropriations Voted Since  
1969 Tax Rate was Fixed.)

Total appropriations to be raised

by taxation

\$1,524,298.14

Total appropriations voted to be

taken from available funds:

(In 1969 since 1969

rate was fixed)

\$28,703.23

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116,180.54

\$1,640,478.68

Offsets to Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:

School Lunch Program

\$ 5,157.09

Free Public Libraries

(include Reg. Library)

502.50

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\$ 5,659.59

County Retirement

\$ 12,344.02

Old Age Assistance

423.85

Veteran's District

171.74

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\$ 12,939.61

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

	1970 Estimates	1969 Under- estimates
County Tax	\$26,652.72	\$ 379.91

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\$ 27,032.63

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## STATE: Tax and Assessments

State Recreation Areas	\$ 4,242.90	\$ 81.93
Audit of Municipal Acts.	141.73	
Mosquito Control Projects	6,268.00	131.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Tax Bills	413.85	
Ipswich River Watershed	345.37	119.74

	\$11,411.85	\$ 332.67	\$ 11,744.52
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OVERLAY of current year			54,679.80
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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED			\$1,752,534.83
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## Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

## 1970 Estimated Receipts from the

Local Aid and Agency Funds	\$ 439,257.39
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	103,504.96
Licenses	4,350.00
Fines	205.00
General Government	546.00
Protection of Persons and Property	594.00
Health and Sanitation	64.00
Highways	406.95
School (local receipts of School Committee	330.41
Libraries (local receipts other than State Aid)	592.90
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments	
\$2,135.15; On Deposit \$4,944.12	7,079.27
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equip-	
ment Excise	260.00

Total Estimated Receipts	\$ 557,190.88
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Amounts voted to be taken from  
available funds

Article 23 1969 3/2/70	\$15,252.05
Free Cash 3/2/70	41,000.00
Road Machinery	
Fund 3/2/70	3,500.00

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Overlay Reserve	3/2/70	25,000.00	
Dog Fund	3/2/70	672.69	
Town Hall Act.	3/2/70	1,553.11	
Land Taking			
Account	3/2/70	499.46	
Flood Damage	10/9/69	2,162.17	
Free Cash	10/9/69	4,550.00	
Appropriation			
Balances	10/9/69	21,991.06	
			\$ 116,180.54
Total Available Funds			\$ 116,180.54
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds			\$ 673,371.42
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Property</b>			\$1,079,163.41
Total Personal Property		\$ 631,338.00	
Valuation: Real Estate		9,004,049.00	
Total		\$9,635,387.00	
Tax Rate Personal Property Tax		\$ 70,709.85	
\$112.00 Real Estate Tax		1,008,453.49	
Gain to avoid fractional divisions of tax rate (adjust overlay)		.07	
			\$ 1,079,163.41
<b>Total Taxes Levied on Property</b>			\$1,079,163.41
Items not entering into the Determination of the Tax Rate			
Classified Forest Land			45.92
Total Amount of 1970 Taxes on Property and of Assessments Added to Taxes as Committed to Collector			\$1,079,209.33

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

	Taxes — 1960	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$ 4.70	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 4.70
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	\$ 4.70	\$ 4.70
	Taxes — 1961	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$ 16.45	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 16.45
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	\$ 16.45	\$ 16.45
	Taxes — 1962	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$ 320.68	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 320.68
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	\$ 320.68	\$ 320.68
	Taxes — 1963	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$ 53.03	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 53.03
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	\$ 53.03	\$ 53.03
	Taxes — 1964	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$ 337.50	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 337.50
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	\$ 337.50	\$ 337.50
	Taxes — 1965	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$ 414.81	
Audit adjustment		\$ 10.00
Motor vehicle abatement		129.53
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		275.28
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	\$ 414.81	\$ 414.81



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	Taxes — 1966	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$	5,014.07
Interest collected		55.52
Taxes collected:		
Real estate	\$	150.40
Motor vehicle excise		189.20
Interest collected		55.52
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		4,674.47
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	\$	5,069.59
	\$	5,069.59

	Taxes — 1967	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$	8,559.75
Interest collected:		118.06
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate	\$	744.95
Personal		742.60
Motor vehicle excise		172.98
Audit adjustment		1,289.68
Interest		118.06
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		5,609.54
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	\$	8,677.81
	\$	8,677.81

	Taxes — 1968	
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1970	\$	11,985.84
Interest collected:		175.23
Audit adjustment		1,322.74
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate	\$	2,290.21
Personal		862.40
Motor vehicle excise		110.00
Interest collected		175.23
Audit adjustment		12.92
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970		10,033.05
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	\$	13,483.81
	\$	13,483.81



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Motor vehicle excise	108,488.87	
Classified forest land	6.16	
Farm animal excise	182.53	
Interest collected	381.33	
Abatements:		
Real estate	20,316.91	
Personal	100.80	
Motor vehicle excise	8,180.40	
Transfer to tax title	8.74	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1970	84,299.39	
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	\$1,219,325.59	\$1,219,325.59

## RECAPITULATION

## Total Receipts from Taxes:

Real estate	\$ 996,975.50
Personal Property	72,068.98
Classified forest land	33.52
Farm animal excise	351.96
Motor vehicle excise	137,246.80
Interest	2,110.66
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	\$1,208,787.42

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. SMALLMAN

Collector of Taxes

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

The Town Treasurer's report of General Fund and Town Trust Fund receipts and disbursements for the year 1970 is respectfully submitted herewith.

Interest income received in 1970 as a result of our General Fund Investment Program amounted to \$13,238.73. Since becoming your Town Treasurer on March 6, 1968 it is interesting to note that our investment program for keeping our General Fund cash working for us has produced income during this period for the Town as follows:

1968	\$10,683.42
1969	15,771.50
1970	<u>13,238.73</u>
Total	\$39,693.65

In 1970 the Town borrowed in anticipation of revenue the sum of \$400,000.00 for 172 days at a rate of 4.5% per annum and present indications seem to be favorable for our 1971 borrowing.

On March 17, 1970 the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts conducted their periodic examination of the books and records of the Town of Boxford for the period Sept. 26, 1967 to Mar. 17, 1970. A copy of their audit certification is made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS R. PERRY,  
Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF BOXFORD**  
**REPORT OF GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**1/1/70 THRU 12/31/70**

General Fund Cash Balance 1/1/70	\$ 359,632.06
1970 General Fund Receipts	<u>2,166,099.29</u>
	2,525,731.35
1970 General Fund Disbursements	<u>2,155,452.57</u>
General Fund Cash Balance 12/31/70	<u>\$ 370,278.78</u>

# REPORT OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS

## TOWN OF BOXFORD

January 1, 1970 through December 31, 1970

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Name of Fund	Balance Jan. 1, 1970	1970 Income	1970 Additions	1970 Transfers	Balance Dec. 31, 1970
Town Farm Fund	\$ 1,381.90	\$ 78.25			\$ 1,460.15
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,946.68	302.93			6,249.61
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,452.12	138.86			2,590.98
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	464.02	23.96		(1) 7.50	480.48
East Parish Library Fund	3,686.15	185.61		(2) 186.15	3,685.61
West Parish Library Fund	3,159.26	159.08		(3) 159.26	3,159.08
Mary Stacy Holmes Library Fund	2,313.28	131.00			2,444.28
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,702.51	96.44			1,798.95
Boxford Visiting Nurse Fund	1,635.55	92.61			1,728.16
Town School Fund	4,500.00	255.24		(4) 255.24	4,500.00
Stabilization Fund	139,824.25	7,520.74	(5) \$25,000.00		172,344.99
Conservation Fund	10,533.50	570.20	(6) 1,500.00		12,603.70
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$177,599.22</b>	<b>\$9,554.92</b>	<b>\$26,500.00</b>	<b>\$608.15</b>	<b>\$213,045.99</b>

- (1) Transfer to General Fund -- Cemetery Maintenance
- (2) Transfer to General Fund -- Town Library
- (3) Transfer to General Fund -- Town Library
- (4) Transfer to General Fund
- (5) Transfer from General Fund per vote of Town Meeting
- (6) Transfer from General Fund per vote of Town Meeting

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANCIS F. PERRY, Town Treasurer



## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Mr. Harry L. Cole, Chairman  
Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from September 26, 1967 to March 17, 1970, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Chief of Bureau.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR H. MAC KINNON  
Director of Accounts

Mr. Arthur H. MacKinnon  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from September 26, 1967, the date of the previous examination, to March 17, 1970, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town as recorded on the books of the several departments were examined, checked, and compared with the records of the town treasurer and the town accountant.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the recorded receipts and payments were checked with the treasurer's books, while the appropriations

and transfers, as entered, were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by the town meetings and with the finance committee's authorizations of transfers from the reserve fund.

The necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town as of March 17, 1970, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer, with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, and with the town accountant's books, while the recorded payments were checked with the Selectmen's warrants and with the accountant's records.

The treasurer's cash balance on March 17, 1970 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office, by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks deposit, and by examination of the savings bank books.

The reported payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and checked with the cancelled coupons and securities on file.

The records of payroll deductions for Federal and State taxes, the county retirement system, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, group life insurance, and teachers' retirement and annuities were examined. The deductions were footed, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances on hand were reconciled with the respective controls in the accountant's general ledger.

The tax titles held by the town were listed from the records kept by the town treasurer, and all transactions pertaining thereto were verified and checked with the records at the registry of Deeds.

The transactions of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund were verified, and the securities and savings bank books representing the investment of these funds were examined and listed.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes and excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved. The cash books were footed and the recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer. The abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective accounts in the town accountant's ledger.

Further verification of the outstanding tax and excise accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

It is again recommended that a determined effort be made by the collector to secure a prompt settlement of all the delinquent accounts.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The collections on account of dog and sporting licenses issued were checked, and the payments were verified with the records of the town treasurer and with the receipts issued by the Division of Fisheries and Game.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the board of selectmen, and by the building, wire, gas and plumbing inspectors, as well as by the police, health, and library departments, and by all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

The surety bonds on file for the several town officials required to furnish such surety were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the town treasurer's and the tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the several trust and investment funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was received from all officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ  
Assistant Chief of Bureau

**REPORT OF TOWN SCHOOL FUND COMMITTEE**

The Town School Fund Report for the year 1970 is submitted as follows:

Balance January 1, 1970	\$4,500.00
1970 Interest Earned on Savings Deposit	<u>255.24</u>
	\$4,755.24
Income Transferred to General Fund	<u>255.24</u>
Balance December 31, 1970	\$4,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK  
 RICHARD P. CHADWICK  
 AMY G. PARKHURST

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Board joins with the rest of the Town of Boxford in expressing our sorrow at the passing of Harry L. Cole, whose industry, interest and wisdom contributed much to the effectiveness of the Board of Health during his many years of service.

Dr. Buell Bassette held a rabies clinic in May and inoculated 110 dogs and 14 cats. State law now requires that all dogs be inoculated for rabies.

During a long summer with little rain, the local ponds were tested and found safe for swimming. Changes in vegetation patterns observed in some ponds were investigated by State inspectors and were found to be harmless to human health. Earaches and sore throats during the summer were felt by many physicians and public health officials to have been caused more by the length of time spent in the water, and chilling, than the condition of the water.

Buell Bassette was elected to the Board in March and Mr. William Crosby was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Harry L. Cole.

After considerable study, and following the report submitted by the Regional Waste Disposal Committee, it was felt that all the interests of the

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

Town could best be served by implementing a sanitary landfill operation. Because of the increased cost of a landfill over a burning operation, new restrictions were necessary on dump use, and the dump operates only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Boxford residents may acquire dump permits at the Police Station. As has been the Board's policy in the past, a charge will still be made for dumping large amounts of brush, stumps or material from demolition. There will also be a charge for material that originates in Boxford and is being disposed of by commercial operators. Local residents are advised that garbage and trash can be mixed together. Refuse deposited is covered over daily to keep rodent population, insects, and nuisance at a minimum. A double gate has been installed in an effort to discourage dumping during closed hours. Should this prove ineffective, further measures will have to be taken; the Board feels that a compromise between the expressed wishes of Town residents and the demands of a regional landfill was reached on the issue of trash and garbage collection. However, an arrangement such as this, while it does save a considerable amount of money, can only be successful if all residents cooperate in carefully observing the regulations. Other towns have been forced into town collections because the alternative was the creating of an unsanitary nuisance.

Respectfully submitted,

UNA BAKEWELL, CHAIRMAN

BUELL BASSETTE

WILLIAM CROSBY

BOARD OF HEALTH

**THE ESSEX COUNTY, REVERE, WINTHROP AND NORTH READING  
MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

The Mosquito Control Project has now been serving the district for five and one-half years since its organization in July of 1965.

During the months of January, February and March, a total of 550 acres of fresh water mosquito breeding sites were treated by Methoxychlor in dust form to the surface of the ice. Of this, 172 acres were in Boxford. The summer spray or adulticiding program began June 1st and continued through September 3rd. During this thirteen week period a schedule was maintained



whereby one of the Project spraying or fogging machines was in operation at least one full day per week in each of the 23 communities in the district. Project equipment was in Boxford a total of 16 times during the summer.

NOTE that residents who do not wish to have their property sprayed for mosquito control should post notices at their property lines to bring this to the attention of the driver of the fogging truck.

On August 3rd, Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1970 an Act relative to the basis for the annual assessment for the Essex County, City of Revere and Towns of Winthrop and North Reading Mosquito Control Project was passed by the Legislature to become effective July 1, 1970. This legislation increased the annual assessment to the cities and towns and accordingly the Project budget from \$107,032.00 to \$163,600.00 retroactively. This increase of approximately 53% has been utilized to improve the salary and wage structure for the Project staff, to increase the number of permanent field men, to hire a full time field foreman, to replace three of the older trucks, and to purchase one new tractor and backhoe.

The Project realizes that the most effective and over the years the least expensive method of mosquito control is the elimination of the breeding sources through drainage and water management. Therefore as more monies become available they will be used to expand this phase of the year round program. The summer spray program will continue as an emergency stop-gap measure of mosquito abatement as it has been conducted during the past several years. Our long range objective is a reduction in the use of pesticides for control of adult mosquitoes as the permanent measures coupled with the pre-hatch program and larviciding activities reduce the need. The Project will expand its drainage program both on the salt marshes and in the fresh water wetland areas during 1971 and for this purpose has requisitioned another specially designed crawler tractor with backhoe.

During October and November a total of 10,152 feet of brooks and streams were brushed out and reclaimed by the Project crews in Boxford.

The mosquito recognizes no political boundaries, and for this reason the reluctance of fourteen Essex County communities to join the regional district continues as a matter of great concern. The sooner that all thirty-four towns and cities in the County cooperate to combat the mosquito nuisance, the sooner the fruition of our efforts to bring to the area an effective program of mosquito control.

We of the Essex County Mosquito Control Project wish to thank the residents of the district for the cooperation and understanding they continue to

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display and without which we would be hard pressed to provide a sensible approach toward the realization of our objective, a permanent reduction of the mosquito population.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT W. SPENCER,  
SUPERINTENDENT  
UNA K. BAKEWELL,  
REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
BOXFORD

**REPORT OF THE BOXFORD – TOPSFIELD – WENHAM  
HEALTH DISTRICT**

Established under the provisions of Section 27A, Chapter 111 of the General Laws, the towns of Boxford, Topsfield and Wenham members of said district, completed its third year of operation. The health district was bereaved in the passing of Mr. Harry L. Cole, a charter member of this organization.

Last year it was reported that solid waste disposal was the major health concern for each of the towns. Subsequently, the State Department of Public Health adopted Regulations for the Control of Air Pollution. Part of these regulations prohibit "open burning", thereby making "burning dumps" passe. Although the BTW Regional Refuse Disposal Board was disbanded, the towns of Topsfield and Wenham amicably resolved their problem and Boxford is operating a sanitary landfill independently. It is anticipated that both operations will meet the "Proposed Regulations for the Disposal of Solid Wastes by Sanitary Landfill" which are to be adopted early this year.

There is one thing that the environmental crisis is showing us more clearly than before: In the longrun, public and private interests are ultimately identical. The decisions that governments at all levels are going to have to make in the next few years are not going to be easy ones.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JOHN R. ROMANSKI, R.S.

**Percolation Tests 1970**

1. 69 percolation tests performed.
2. 5 re-tests performed.
3. 6 lots found unsatisfactory for construction on the basis of tests performed:
  - Lot A (Chapman) Georgetown Road
  - Lot No. 32 Stonecleave Road
  - Lot No. 33 Stonecleave Road
  - Lot No. 6 Lake Shore Road
  - Lot No. 9 Lake Shore Road
  - Lot No. 7 Herrick Road
4. 18 new construction permits issued for the year.

JOHN R. ROMANSKI

**BTW HEALTH DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
1/1/70 THRU 12/31/70**

**GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE**

JANUARY 1, 1970

\$ 564.48

**RECEIPTS:**

## Member Town Assessments:

Boxford (40%)	\$4,880.00	
Topsfield (40%)	4,880.00	
Wenham (20%)	<u>2,440.00</u>	\$12,200.00

Interest Earned on Deposits 344.78

## BTW Solid Waste District-

## Planning Aid:

Boxford	1,000.00		
Topsfield	1,000.00		
Wenham	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>15,544.78</u>
			\$16,109.26

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## DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries		\$10,600.00	
Travel		1,200.00	
Telephone		124.05	
Office Expense		65.89	
Laboratory Analysis		39.49	
Insurance and Treasurer's Bond		144.00	
County Retirement		224.06	
BTW Solid Waste District			
Planning:			
Land Appraisal	\$ 850.00		
Legal Counsel	260.00		
Telephone Expense	11.15		
Boxford-Balance Returned	626.28		
Topsfield-Balance Returned	626.28		
Wenham-Balance Returned	626.29	3,000.00	15,397.49

## GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE

DECEMBER 31, 1970

711.77

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS F. PERRY,  
District Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The most extensive project in 1970 was the relocation and improvement of a portion of Washington Street on the section between Willow Road and the Groveland line. This was done with Chapter 90 funds from both 1969 and 1970 allotments. The usual maintenance of highways was done with the Chapter 81 funds.

Some much needed drainage work was done on Main Street and Brook Road in West Boxford and Pinehurst Drive in Boxford.

At the same time that guard rail was installed on Washington Street under Chapter 90, four sections were put up on Herrick Road locations deemed to be particularly hazardous, and on Main Street, west of Lake Shore

Road, 125 feet of rail was installed.

Supervision was provided for new roads in Deck House and Olde Farms developments, as well as Ardon Farm, Holmcrest and Abbot-Forbes subdivisions. Most of these new streets were accepted at the special town meeting in November, which increased the road mileage in the town to 72.83.

A new Chevrolet chassis, body and sander was purchased during the year, so that 3 sanders are now available to facilitate sanding operations.

The hot-topping on Herrick Road was completed from the section left in 1969 and continued approximately 800 feet toward Ipswich Road.

Lines were painted on Topsfield Road around the corner to the store on Elm Street and from Topsfield Road to beyond the Middleton Road intersection on Main Street; from the cemetery on Ipswich Road and continuing 500 feet up Service Road; Pond Street and up Depot Road to Sunrise Road.

The lines on Routes 133 and 97 were done by the State.

Because of high water, the improvement to the Towne Road Bridge is only 75 per cent completed.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON E. FRENCH

Highway Surveyor

## REPORT OF THE WATER AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

In view of the number of new residents moving into Boxford year after year the committee felt it might be helpful to preface this year's report with a brief background on why we have a water committee in a town with no public water system.

In March of 1965, on the advice of the Finance Committee and the Selectmen, the town voted to establish a study committee to look into the advisability of establishing a water system. The water needs of neighboring communities and their infringement of Boxford water resources was of great concern to the town as it looked toward its future. In 1966 the study committee reported back its findings which, capsulated, indicated that any neighboring community in need of water could petition the legislature to use another community's water resources if that community had not indicated their interest, or need of those resources. This, together with the awareness of the



acute problems facing many municipalities regarding water, led to the establishment of a permanent water and drainage committee. This committee at the direction of the town was to research the potential areas in town which might serve as a future public water supply, should this need arise. These areas were to be tested, proved, retired and protected for the future needs of the town.

In 1966, 1967 and 1968 with the advice of qualified engineers the committee tested many areas in town for an area that would provide sufficient yield and potability for town water use. The results of these tests indicated that few areas in town were suitable and many of those which were, were already developed as private housing. A state approved well owned by a private developer became available for purchase and on the recommendation of the committee was acquired by the town to serve the eastern section. A well of sufficient yield and quality was located in the Town Forest in West Boxford in 1969.

In April of 1970 the committee contacted the State Board of Health asking that they indicate to us the necessary steps to be taken to insure the protection of this well in line with state requirements for a public water supply. Response to this, and several follow-up requests, came in January of this year. Mr. Kenneth Tarbell, an engineer for the Department of Health has investigated the site and the pumping tests relative to the well and finds them satisfactory. The state will require, however, a radius of 400 feet around the well to be owned by the town and protected against pollution. It is with this in mind that the committee will enter an article in this year's warrant to acquire the necessary land to meet these requirements. The greatest part of this protected land is already owned by the town in town forest property.

A \$1,000 budget approved for the committee's work in 1970 was not used and has been returned to the town. The late response by the state did not allow sufficient time for the committee to complete the engineering work for which this money was approved. \$1,000 (one thousand) has been included in this year's budget, and we will proceed with the work we had planned for 1970.

The resignation of William Cheney was received with regret this year. Mr. Cheney served on the committee from its inception in 1965, and his great efforts and experience were of invaluable use.

We were most fortunate this year in having Brewster Wayland join us. His background and experience will be a great asset.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOXFORD WATER AND DRAINAGE  
COMMITTEE

PATRICIA BAILLY, CHAIRMAN  
BUELL BASSETTE  
DONALD SCUTIERE  
CLAYTON NEWSON  
BREWSTER WAYLAND

### REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission was deeply shocked and grieved at the tragic accident that took the life of its Chairman, Dr. Charlotte Landis Maddock. Dr. Maddock was dedicated to conservation, and worked quietly, diligently and effectively in furthering its purposes. Her efforts have been of great benefit to our town; her influence for the environment was felt in many other places on behalf of a host of conservation matters. We shall miss her very much, both personally, as well as in our conservation activities.

The Commission regrets the passing of Selectmen Harry L. Cole. Mr. Cole's life and his service to the town are well enough known not to need recounting in these paragraphs. Suffice it to say that the Commission appreciated his counsel and his readiness to give of his store of "instant information" accumulated over more than half a century of uninterrupted attendance upon the business of the town.

Early in the spring the Commission sponsored a series of nature walks for younger grade-school children of the town. Members of the Commission conducted the walks at Ingaldsby, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gowen, where grow nearly every variety of tree indigenous to New England, and at the Phillips Wildlife Sanctuary. Similar walks are contemplated for next spring.

Also in the spring, the Commission completed a preliminary inventory of non-taxable property in the town as part of its contribution of information for a Natural Resources Survey to be done under the auspices of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. The commission serv-

ed as co-ordinator and collator of information prepared for the Survey by other town agencies.

The Natural Resources Survey for Boxford, very long in coming, is expected to provide unified recommendations for sites for recreation development, water impoundment, town forests, nature study, trails, historic sites, locations of likely subsurface water supply sources and the like. The Survey being done at no cost to the town, concentrates the analytic and interpretive skills of a trained team on the particular features of Boxford.

The complete results of this survey, expected in early 1971, will provide the Commission with needed information with which to implement the preparation of an Open Space Plan for the town. An Open Space Plan, usually a general description of the plan for development of a town's natural resources in ways consistent with good conservation practices and objectives, approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Dept. of Natural Resources is a prerequisite to obtaining Self-Help matching funds from the Commonwealth (presuming availability of funds and desire to use them).

In the continuing run of business, the Commission reviewed sub-division plans, consulted with developers and citizens, and walked properties of potential conservation use.

Members of the Commission attended various meetings during the year to discuss problems of mutual interest and to find out what other groups are doing. Attendance at these meetings was of course voluntary, and done at the members own expense.

Despite the fact that the Mass. Legislature passed a creditable amount of conservation-oriented legislation in 1970, it should be pointed out that Sen. Saltonstall's bill for a study of the water supply resources of the Parker River died in committee. It is to be hoped that the bill will be re-submitted for the next session, and that citizens will contact both local and regional congressmen voicing support for it. The Commission actively supported the bill and would do so again at the Legislative Session.

The invasion of Boxford by the oak leaf skeletonizing worm prompted some controversy by residents on the pros and cons of spraying. The Commission sounded out several experts on this matter and found, not surprisingly- that they too were divided on their recommendations. It may be worthwhile here to paraphrase the Mass. Audubon Society - don't spray, but if you must, use sprays of low toxicity and short half-lives.

Mrs. Richard Price of Towne Road was elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term vacated by the resignation of Mr. Robson W. Shelly.

Little progress was achieved in the acquisition of the two parcels of property mentioned in last year's Conservation Commission report. This situation is delayed by the fact that one estate is the heir of another, and Internal Revenue Service rulings must be obtained to accomplish the settlement of

both estates. The Commission is optimistic that some progress will be seen in the coming year, however.

Respectfully submitted,  
 CHARLES S. HATCH  
 Chairman

### BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY Report of the Trustees

Term expires 1971	Term expires 1972	Term expires 1973
John F. G. Eichorn, Jr.	Mrs. Clark H. Gowen	Mrs. Donald E. Houser
Milton E. Lord	Frederick G. Lehmann	Mrs. Earle O. Latham
Clement E. Sutton, Jr.	Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas	Donald K. Reiland

Chairman	Milton E. Lord
Vice Chairman	Frederick G. Lehmann
Secretary	Mrs. Carlyle W. Thomas

Boxford Town Librarian . . . Mrs. John R. Benson

The Boxford Town Library continued in 1970 the steady growth which began at the end of 1966 when the town took over the provision of library service to the people of Boxford as an overall town responsibility.

The number of books borrowed for home use increased from 34,618 in 1969 to 39,204 in 1970. This is an increase of 13 per cent in one year, and 55 per cent over the last three years. Likewise, the number of individuals using the town libraries has increased by 63 per cent over the last three years. As of October 1970 there were 2,133 individuals registered for borrowing books. This was 53 per cent of the residents of Boxford, a notably high proportion in comparison with most towns.

Planning to take care of this increased use--and the projected increase that is bound to follow with an expanding population year by year in the period ahead -- has been the subject of study by the Planning Committee of the Town Library Trustees during the past year.



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The population of Boxford has jumped by 514 per cent over the last 40 years — from 652 at the census of 1930 to 4,001 at the 1970 census. This means that Boxford has today six times as many residents as it had 40 years ago. Meanwhile, the two libraries — at Boxford Village and at West Boxford— have been attempting to provide library service to this expanding population with the same identical facilities and in the same identical quarters that they occupied for the first time 40 years ago at the beginning of the 1930's. These facilities of 40 years ago are a long cry from what are recognized today by progressive communities as adequate and desirable for modern public library service.

Both of the existing libraries are obviously with pressing space needs. At West Boxford the highly attractive library building, erected in the 1930s, is in a strait-jacket for space. It was specifically designed for library use. At Boxford Village the 130 year old dwelling house, in use for a library since the 1930s also, is overcrowded, inflexible, and ill-adapted to present uses. It was not designed specifically for library use. It was a makeshift arrangement in the 1930s; it is even more so for the 1970s.

The Planning Committee has been surveying the alternatives that might be followed in facing up to the current difficulties. A number of suggestions have come from interested citizens. Others have been proposed by the Planning Committee itself. The chief among them have been the following:

(1) taking over the Gardner Morse School at West Boxford and the Aaron Wood School at Boxford Village in substitution for the two existing libraries at West Boxford and Boxford Village.

(2) combining the two existing libraries with the libraries in the two elementary schools, plus dependence upon the Masconomet Regional High School Library in its newly-expanded quarters.

(3) establishing a single central library for the entire town at some central point.

(4) putting the existing library provision at West Boxford and Boxford Village into adequate condition for meeting future needs.

Comment on each of these follows.

The first alternative — namely, substitution of the Gardner Morse



School at West Boxford and the Aaron Wood School at Boxford Village for the two existing libraries — is an alluring idea, highly worthy of attention on first thought. However, neither was built for a library, but for a school, and in time would be increasingly less effective and more expensive in being put to use as a library. The Planning Committee, believing that a better solution exists, has therefore rejected this alternative.

The second alternative — dependence upon the elementary and regional high school libraries — eliminates itself almost immediately for reasons that upon examination have to be recognized as obvious. While anxious that the Town Library continue to participate to the full in a program of cooperation with the schools, the Planning Committee has had to conclude that this alternative is not a possible solution.

The third alternative — establishing a single central library — will appear perhaps to be the natural solution. It is however, an idea considerably ahead of its time.

Too many unknown factors appear to exist at present as to what the character of Boxford will be as it approaches the maximum of its potential population. Will it be a densely-populated entire town with one single recognized central point of town activities? Or, over its unusually stretched-out large area, will there even come into being a further community center or centers in addition to the existing community centers at Boxford Village and West Boxford? In other words, will Boxford be in effect two distinct neighborhoods as it is today, possibly even three neighborhoods, or will it be one large single town?

In the judgment of the Planning Committee the answers to these questions are paramount for determining whether Boxford ought to move at once toward a single central library or whether it ought to continue for some time to come with the present arrangement of neighborhood libraries. They are answers that cannot be found successfully at the present moment in time.

The fourth alternative — putting the existing library provision at West Boxford and Boxford Village into adequate condition for meeting future needs — seems in light of the above to be the procedure that most makes sense. Twenty years is about as far ahead as one can plan with any assurance approaching certainty.

The findings of the Planning Committee of the Trustees of the Town Library will therefore be suggesting a moving to that end. Library service is most likely to be effective when it is provided at natural centers, i.e., points to which people naturally go, such as the community store, the community

filling station, the community church, the community grange, and points of community activities of all sorts — in other words, a library service through Neighborhood libraries in established communities such as Boxford Village and West Boxford.

To be effective, the continuation of the present library coverage to West Boxford and Boxford Village will require certain new construction at an early date, as soon as financial and other considerations permit:

(1) West Boxford — enlargement and redevelopment of existing space in the highly-attractive present library building, actually designed in the original instance for library use.

(2) Boxford Village — replacement of its 130-year-old overcrowded inflexible dwelling house, ill-adapted for its present use as a library, and not designed in the original instance for a library. For such a replacement there is already in hand an optimum site, immediately adjacent to the present Boxford Village Library, at no cost to the town.

Definitive findings by the Planning Committee will be presented to the town in the course of 1971 in the form of a report examining exhaustively the several alternatives.

For the  
TOWN LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
MILTON E. LORD, Chairman

Gifts and bequests are always welcome and may be addressed to the  
TRUSTEES OF THE BOXFORD TOWN LIBRARY.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Boxford:

Again this year the activities and workload of your Police Department has increased. Many unclassified investigations and complaints are satisfactorily settled to all concerned and are not listed in the below report.

The following is a report of the Police Department and the activities for the year 1970.

Ambulance Runs	65	Motor Vehicle	
Arrests	48	Suspicious Veh.	187
Complaints and	711	and Persons	
Investigations		Towed Veh.	73
Court Appearances	89	Violations Issued	
Drugs	13	Warnings	152
Fire Calls	53	Complaints	146
Gun Reg. Applications	40	Arrests	5
Housebreaks	35	Persons--Intoxicated	18
Attempted	5	Lost, Missing or	20
Camp	10	Runaway	
School	2	Pistol Permits	62
Larceny	16	Police Assistance	122
Motor Vehicle		(other depts.)	
Accidents	97	Property Checks	1858
Defective Equip. Tags	175	Doors Found Open	36
Fatal	3	Summons Delivered	98
Motorists Disabled;	179	Telephone Calls on	8846
Assisted		Blue Line	
Recovered Veh.	11	Assault and Battery	4
Stolen Veh.	2	on a Police Officer	

Crime continues to grow throughout the country. Assaults on law officers, many ending in tragedy, are occurring with greater frequency. Each law officer feels the changing attitude toward his enforcement of the laws of our country and the way he carries out his duties.

Drug use continues to rise despite efforts of our local departments, schools and other interested groups. It is a serious problem, not only be-

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cause of the physical and mental effects, which I feel are of primary importance, but also because narcotic use, etc. usually leads to other law-breaking

Law enforcement training has been continued with the officers during the past year. Sgt. John Curran and Officer Robert Woodbury attended the six week State Police Local Officers Training School. Sgt. Curran and myself also attended No. Shore Community College. Several of our officers attended seminars on drugs and bombings, etc.

Our department now has two cruisers available for patrol and 24 hour coverage of the Town. During the year Louis Dumas of Groveland was appointed to a full-time position and Gordon Russell, Jr. was appointed a part-time officer. This gives the department four full-time men and ten part-time officers.

With the assistance of the District Attorney's office and the State Police we have continued an extensive investigation of the Wilson case. Information continues to be received and investigated. On several occasions we have taken trips out of state. Every effort is being made to solve this brutal crime.

This year a radar set and two portable radios were purchased through federal government reimbursement funds. The radar set was used numerous times at locations where speeders are a problem.

As in the past, the police department appreciates information about any person or persons acting suspiciously or doing damage to property, etc. A registration number is extremely helpful. Promptness is important. Your name will be held in strict confidence.

Residents are asked to notify the department when leaving for an extended period of time. Neighbors should also be alerted to absences and asked to check property. Suspicious or obscene telephone calls should be reported immediately.

For the information of new residents the Police Dept. number is 887-2712. This is also the Emergency Blue Line Network of three telephones.

I would like to express my appreciation to the various town depts., the Selectmen, the State Police, the police from surrounding towns and the personnel of my department for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. WARREN,

Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Boxford Fire Department submits the following report for 1970.

## Total Runs Made

Buildings	6	False	13
Brush and Grass	25	Car Accidents	12
Dump	1	Electrical and Heat-	
Car Fires	11	ing Appliances	7
Chimney	2	Mutual Aid	2
Cellar Pumping	1	Miscellaneous	5

Once again, the Fire Department has had a low number of fire calls, due partially to a wet year and also to some effective home extinguishing. It appears, that the Fire Prevention Program and the Home Extinguisher Sales Program of the Fire Department Association, are proving their worth.

At the annual town meeting, money was voted to develop office space in the two garage bays next to the Boxford Center Station and this work is progressing, also a fire alarm system was installed in the station.

Meetings have been held and reports received regarding the problems with the West Boxford Station and I hope that positive action will be taken soon.

In September, the Air Pollution Laws became effective and the Fire Chief, as well as the Police Chief and Board of Health, were charged with the responsibility of enforcing the ban on open burning, and fire permits for open burning, other than leaves and household refuse, were stopped. In December, the Christmas Tree spraying program was conducted.

I would like to thank the Fire Phone Operators for their usual fine work and express my appreciation to the members of the department for their excellent work this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. KILLAM

Chief of Fire Department



**REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The general shortage of money and high interest rates dampened sub-division activity in Boxford during much of 1970. No new sub-divisions were considered and approved. At years end, however, there was a marked increase in activity with three sub-divisions containing 89 lots presently in the preliminary stages of consideration.

The Board presented to the Town at the last annual meeting six suggested changes to the Zoning By-Laws, (developed in conjunction with the Zoning Enforcement Committee) aimed at strengthening those By-Laws. All were voted unanimously by the Town, approved subsequently by the Attorney General, and are now in full force.

Recognizing the great aesthetic improvement possible by the underground placement of utilities, the Board formed a sub-committee to study the desirability of enacting, under Chapter 884, a regulation to require the undergrounding of utilities in all new sub-divisions. A report by this sub-committee and a decision by the Board is expected within the next few months.

The surge in population is placing increasing pressure on suburban communities to consider other forms of development in addition to the traditional single-family dwelling. In response to this developing pressure, in both our own adjacent communities, the Board has continued to study and broaden its understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of these alternative forms.

We would like to express the gratitude of the Board and of the entire community to David L. Pitt who has served so ably and diligently on the Board for the past five years, including two as its Clerk and two as its Chairman. The Board is similarly grateful to Thomas L. Greenman who served with no less dedication, albeit for a shorter span.

CRAIG E. FALK, Chairman  
CHARLES P. NELSON, Vice-Chairman  
WILLIAM B. PESCOLIDO, Clerk  
DAVID L. PITT  
THOMAS L. GREENMAN  
ROBERT E. BORDEN  
WILLIAM H. SULLIVAN

**REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

I assumed responsibility of the Civil Defense last September. Since then, I have attended meetings at State level on defense matters.

I have turned over to the Police Department a transmitter and receiver for their use, keeping the special assigned call letters for future use.

I have two-way radios in my car for instant contact with the Police or Fire Departments in case of emergencies.

There are two other radios for State use that are being repaired.

I enjoy the cooperation of Town Officials and Department heads.

Respectfully,

E. PRESTON GOULD

Director

**REPORT OF THE VETERANS' AGENT**

The following expenditures were made by the Veterans' Benefits Department during 1970:

Cash Grants	\$2,935.86
Medical	<u>303.94</u>
	\$3,239.80

Fifty per cent of this amount will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM

Veterans' Agent

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**REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER—BOXFORD DISTRICT  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

The following services were performed by this Department during 1970:

Discharge (copy)	72
Discharge (recorded)	22
Photostats	475
Education and Training	29
Loan Guaranty	12
Statement of disability for real estate tax abatement	5
Annual Income Questionnaire	89
Compensation	15
Pension	20
Burial Allowance	18
Headstone	17
Medical and Dental	38
Hospitalization	16
Outpatient treatment	24
Insurance	14
Power of Attorney	48
Vietnam Bonus Applications	42

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM

District Director

**NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD  
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

	North Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance carried over from 1969	(\$1.35)	\$ 1.72	\$ .37
Appropriated in 1970, Section 11 Chapter 660, Acts of 1963	<u>1,088.26</u>	<u>171.74</u>	1,260.00
	\$1,086.91	\$173.46	\$1,260.37
Expended to December 31, 1970	<u>1,087.73</u>	<u>171.66</u>	1,259.39
	\$ (.82)	\$ 1.80	\$ .98

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- (A) Basis of Apportionment Chapter 660, Acts of 1963 — An Act establishing the basis for apportionment of State and County Taxes

North Andover	\$26,718,000	.8637 per cent
Boxford	4,216,000	.1363 per cent

James J. Maker, District Treasurer  
District Department of Veterans' Services

### REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

85 Dogs were reported lost

34 of these were located and returned to their owners

7 were disposed of that had been killed on town roads

1 deer, injured by dogs, disposed of

1 injured dog delivered to a local veterinarian

39 dogs were ordered restrained for various reasons

39 stray dogs were picked up and impounded, then disposed of as follows:

16 were claimed by their owners

10 were placed in new homes

13 were disposed of as unfit for adoption

While the idea of a leash law is distasteful to many, and prohibitive in cost at this time, it is the opinion of your dog officer (concurrent in by many reputable trainers and breeders) that dog owners must take more responsibility and care of the dogs they own. It would be ideal if every dog could be under control at all times. It is the dog that runs free, often unlicensed, that causes neighborhood feuds, property damage, bites and causes lawsuits, or is tragically killed on the highway.

I urge the people of Boxford to license their dogs, thereby making it easier for me to locate the owners should the dogs become lost.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. HUGHES

DOG OFFICER

**BOXFORD TOWN REPORT****1970 REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING**

Examined: 126 Cattle    34 Calves    47 Sheep

Respectfully Submitted,  
ARTHUR G. SMITH

**REPORT OF MOTHS SUPERINTENDENT**

Spraying was carried out this year in town for Dutch Elm Disease, with (Methoxycylor), a non-toxic spray which has been approved for use.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT HEBB  
MOTHS SUPERINTENDENT

**REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

Pruning and spraying of trees has been carried out in Boxford. Trees have been removed and some will be replaced in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT HEBB  
TREE WARDEN

**REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

There was a large amount of trees removed and pruned by the Massachusetts Electric Company at no charge to the town. The diseased Elm trees were removed and burned.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT HEBB  
MOTHS SUPERINTENDENT



# REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Month	No.	New Home Value	No.	Garage Value	No.	Addition Value	No.	Pool Value	No.	Barn Value
Jan.	1	\$ 40,000			1	\$ 6,000			1	\$ 3,000
Feb.	1	32,000			1	4,000				
March	2	11			2	3,000	2	\$ 7,200	1	500
April	1	65,000			2	14,000				
May	3	115,000			2					
June	4	115,000			1	4,000	1	4,000		Mill
July	2	64,500		\$ 4,200	1	5,000	1	4,000	1	5,000
Aug.	2	90,000		3,300	2	650				
Sept.					1	1,500			1	800
Oct.				2,000	3	32,500	1	3,500		
Nov.	3	122,000		600	1	700			1	1,200
Dec.	1	25,000			1	1,700				
Total	20	\$783,500	5	\$10,100	16	\$73,050	5	\$18,700	5	\$10,500

Respectfully submitted,  
**HENRY W. NASON**  
 Building Inspector

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## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Received, for 56 permits

\$520.50

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD R. GALLOWAY

Plumbing Inspector

## REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

During 1970, 38 permits were issued. Attention of residents is called to a directive by the Massachusetts Gas Regulatory Board, dated July 15, 1970, reading as follows:

'Campers and/or Trailers are required to comply with the regulation of the Gas Regulatory Board which include an inspection by a duly appointed inspector, and the flammable storage permit to be issued by the local authority having jurisdiction. Persons having jurisdiction are designated by Massachusetts Law.'

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER W. STARRETT

Gas Inspector

## REPORT OF WIRE INSPECTOR

92 Permits Issued

255 Inspections

Receipts—Electrical Fees:

Jan. 1, 1970 to Dec. 31, 1970

\$1,538.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY

Wire Inspector

**REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE**

This year the Recreation Committee was primarily involved with the maintenance and improvement of existing facilities. There are now four little league and one major league baseball fields available in varying conditions.

The committee would like to thank the Firemen, the First Church and Second Church Couples Clubs, and the American Legion for their volunteer help during the past year in making a successful 4th of July Celebration.

We also are extremely grateful to the Boxford Athletic Association which provides a well organized athletic program for the boys and girls in Boxford. This program is run on a self-sufficient basis with volunteers and should be recognized as an outstanding asset to the town of Boxford.

Our immediate future considerations are directed towards the installation of tennis courts at the Spofford Pond School and a feasibility study of a natural ice hockey rink to be located at some central location in town.

The committee meets regularly in the Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. We welcome the public to attend our meetings and offer suggestions.

A. GORDON PRICE, Chairman  
ROBERT CAVANAUGH  
WILLIAM ABBOTT  
EDWARD McILVAINE  
DONALD BEHRENS

**REPORT OF BOXFORD TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE - 1970**

The Committee authorized the Boxford Boy Scouts to fix up a small area in the forest for a camping site. No regular cleanup was carried out during 1970.

In the coming year we plan to utilize the services of Scouts in programs along the roads and in several areas where trees have fallen. Mr. Stanwood Morss is in charge of this work.

Respectfully submitted,  
WINTHROP P. HAYNES, Chairman  
ROBERT B. PARKHURST  
STANWOOD MORSS

**BOXFORD TOWN REPORT****REPORT OF THE NORTH SHORE  
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE**

1970 was primarily a year of organizing the participating towns of Salem, Peabody, Beverly, Danvers, Lynnfield, Hamilton, Wenham, Boxford, Topsfield, Middleton, Swampscott, and Marblehead into a workable committee. The inclusion of Boxford in such a study and planning committee is to determine whether it is to the town's advantage to join in a Regional Vocational School or approach the subject of vocational education through our existing Masconomet Regional High School. To date, no recommendation is forthcoming in view of insufficient knowledge of the proposed Vocational School for the North Shore.

**A. GORDON PRICE  
KENNETH LITTLEFIELD**

**REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE**

During calendar year 1970 the Boxford Solid Waste Disposal Committee continued the work started in 1969, saw the need for its existence concluded in November 1970, and, accordingly, was dissolved.

While for some time the efforts of the Boxford - Wenham - Topsfield Solid Waste Disposal District appeared to be productive and in the best interests of the Town, events in the fall of 1970 dictated that Boxford withdraw from the District and pursue a town-operated sanitary landfill.

In October of 1970 the State Board of Health decreed that no further burning would be permitted at the Boxford dump.

In view of the critical nature of the situation, the Committee and the Board of Health accelerated studies to determine the best course to follow.

Efforts to reach an early and acceptable operational and more particularly, financial, agreement with Topsfield regarding the regional operation failed.

Intensive study was made of our own resources at the existing Town site and it was concluded that it would support a sanitary landfill operation for many years at a minimum cost to the town.

A sampling of public opinion revealed that an overwhelming majority preferred a local operation without refuse pick-up.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee, in early November of 1970, recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the Town withdraw from the proposed regional operation. The Selectmen and the Board of Health concurred with the recommendation and immediately instituted a sanitary land-fill at the existing site.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the interest and frequently very useful suggestions received from residents of the Town, as well as the work of the Board of Health who contributed substantially.

#### SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

ETHEL HOUSER  
UNA BAKEWELL  
W. E. CROSBY, JR., Chairman

#### REPORT OF THE TOWN ENGINEER STUDY COMMITTEE

This Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Article 15 of the 1970 Town Meeting to study the appointment or hiring of a qualified Town Engineer, unanimously recommends that no such action be contemplated. Our data indicates that Boxford could constructively utilize a maximum of but 40 hours of professional engineering services on a fee basis annually. A full-time Town Engineer would cost approximately \$20,000.00 per year, including salary, benefits, and expenses. Many alternatives designed to provide engineering services were investigated, considered and rejected:

- 1) Combining a Town Engineer with a Sanitary Engineer in one position;
- 2) A Town Engineer employed on a part-time basis;
- 3) A Town Engineer employed on a regional basis;
- 4) Engineering services secured by consultation with State agencies; and
- 5) The retention of a large engineering firm on an annual basis.

Should the Selectmen find it necessary to provide themselves or any



other town board or official with engineering services, two avenues are recommended:

- 1) Local resident volunteers, secured in response to a published or verbal request for assistance by the Selectmen or other town board or official desiring assistance. There are approximately 150 engineers residing in Boxford and a roster of special skills possessed by residents of Boxford could be compiled from the Town Directory.
- 2) The retention of a small local area firm or individual with engineering capability. Should the Selectmen find this necessary, even 40 hours of professional engineering assistance could be provided for \$1,500.00 or less.

In regard to the enforcement of Zoning laws and the function of the Building Inspector, the Committee finds that the supervision of enforcement is the responsibility of the Selectmen. No change in structure, office, or mechanics appears necessary to the Committee.

Although needs for miscellaneous supporting assistance were expressed by some town boards, the majority of our Committee believes that the Selectmen should take a stronger hand in managing the functions of town government. The Committee feels the Selectmen should be stronger in encouraging town offices to solve problems on a more modest scale than using superfluous and expensive professional help. The Selectmen should make decisions when and where required, and they and the Town Meeting should desist from appointing committees in lieu of having the Selectmen manage the Town's business. The Selectmen should oppose at Town Meetings the appointment of superfluous committees designed by their proponents to advance points of view rejected by the Selectmen. It is the responsibility of the Selectmen to make administrative decisions, sometimes hard and unpopular ones. It has frequently appeared that the Selectmen have avoided decision making that they in fact elected to make. One of the Committee members, J. A. Lincoln, disagrees with the recommendations of this paragraph and suggests that the Board of Selectmen needs assistance in providing more effective administration.

At the suggestion of the Selectmen we have further considered a much larger question than the possible hiring of a Town Engineer. This question is that of the general organization and structure of the Town government. Al-

ternatives to our present system considered were

- 1) The First Selectman concept;
- 2) The Town Manager concept;
- 3) The Executive Secretary (Administrative Assistant, Office Manager, etc.) concept; and
- 4) The addition of more clerical assistance.

With the possible exception of No. 4 which would fall within the necessary authority of the Selectmen and Town Meeting, we advise against a change in government structure until the population of Boxford reaches seven or eight thousand. At that time we feel that the Selectmen should suggest some alternatives at a future town meeting. Mr. Lincoln, on the other hand, recommends that now is the time to study such changes and he cites population growth as well as greater demands being placed on municipal governments.

Our file of information accompanies this report to the Selectmen. A summarization of the more significant data may be obtained from the Committee members who respectfully submit this report.

The Committee

JAMES D. BROWN  
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM  
VERNON M. HAWKINS  
J. ALDEN LINCOLN  
MRS. RICHARD VERRENGIA

**REPORT OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE**

The Historic District Study Committee, appointed June 29, 1970, is pleased to submit its findings and recommendations.

For the last five months the committee has been actively investigating and analyzing the suitability of establishing historic districts in the town, principally in the three areas suggested by the Boxford Master Plan - Boxford Village, West Boxford Village, and Howe Village. Open meetings have been held with the residents of each of these areas, to fully inform them and to determine their attitudes and wishes in the matter. Contact has been made with other towns which have Historic Districts to assess their experience. Research has been conducted to establish the history of the proposed districts and of the individual structures contained therein. A careful examination of alternatives was made before defining boundaries of the proposed districts. The results of this activity are set down in the enclosed Preliminary Report.

The Committee's findings and recommendations are summarized as follows:

1. Portions of Boxford Village deserve preservation. Boxford Village Historic District should be established within the original six lots which started the settlement of Boxford Village in 1667. Proposed boundaries are defined in the Preliminary Report. Nearly all of the affected property owners favor this action.
2. Howe Village deserves preservation. Howe Village Historic District should be established around the site where the town of Boxford was finally deeded from the indians to the settlers in 1701. Proposed boundaries are defined in the Preliminary Report. All of the affected property owners favor this action.
3. West Boxford Village deserves preservation. It is recommended that action leading to an historic district in that area be postponed until more West Boxford residents favor such action.
4. The proposed districts should be established and administered under the provisions of the Historic District Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C.

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5. A Warrant Article should be presented to the regular Annual Town Meeting in March 1971 proposing a by-law establishing the proposed Historic Districts and an Historic District Commission. The Committee intends to proceed with the following steps, in compliance with Chapter 40C, and leading to a town meeting vote in March:

December 15, 1970	Submit Preliminary Report, as required to various State and local boards and commissions.
January 25, 1971	Submit Warrant Article.
February 18, 1971	Hold public hearing.
March 1, 1971	Submit Final Report to Town Meeting

The committee believes that establishment of the proposed districts, will serve the best interests of the town, both culturally and economically. The Preliminary Report examines the cultural aspects. The Committee also finds evidence supporting the conclusion that real estate values will be materially enhanced within the proposed districts. Also, these districts provide "pocket" reminders of the past, with the distinctive characteristics by which the town is known. Preservation of this "trade mark" will enhance property values throughout the town.

Thank-you for your confidence in us. We have enjoyed the task and will continue our work as we have described it therein.

Respectfully Submitted,

MERTON S. BARROWS  
CLARK GOWEN  
JOYCE HEEREMENS  
LOREN M. WOOD  
MARGARET B. CROSS  
THOMAS B. GREENMAN  
JOHN P. MARSH

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## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## RECEIPTS FOR 1970

Frederick A. Smallman, Collector:

Taxes, Current year:

Real Estate \$ 929,895.25

Personal Property 67,465.21

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\$ 997,360.46

Taxes, Previous years:

Real Estate \$ 67,080.25

Personal property 4,603.77

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71,684.02

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1966 \$ 189.20

Levy of 1967 172.98

Levy of 1968 110.00

Levy of 1969 28,285.75

Levy of 1970 108,488.87

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137,246.80

Classified Forest Land:

Levy of 1969 \$ 27.36

Levy of 1970 6.16

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33.52

Farm Animal Excise

Levy of 1969 \$ 169.43

Levy of 1970 182.53

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351.96



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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

### For Highways:

Chapter 90 Construction	\$ 27,668.10
Chapter 768 - Sec. 4	3,390.02
Chapter 81 Maintenance	19,250.00
Chapter 768 — Sec. 5	10,170.06

60,478.18

### For Education:

Chapter 70, School Aid	\$ 295,075.23
Chapters 69 and 71, Special Education	4,678.00
Federal Grants - Title III	1,934.37
Federal Grants - Title II	645.50
Federal Grants - Title I	3,327.00
Vocational Education	446.00
Regional School District	38,554.00
School Building Assistance	32,145.47
Transportation	24,902.81
State Aid to Libraries	502.50
Tuitions	2,923.24

405,134.12

### For Taxes, etc.

State Tax Basis	\$ 12,902.09
Loss of Taxes	2,062.61
School Lunch Program	9,214.89
Police Radar, etc.	2,644.00

26,823.59

### For Aid & Relief

Veteran's Services	\$ 245.07
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245.07

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## County of Essex:

Chapter 90, Construction	\$ 13,834.05
Dog License Refund	672.69
Dog Board Refund	400.00

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 14,906.74

## Trust &amp; Investment Funds:

J. T. Barker Fund	\$ 1,400.00
Interest on School Funds	265.24
East Parish Library	186.15
West Parish Library	159.26
Killam & Curtis Burial Lot	7.50

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 2,018.15

## Departmental Accounts:

Library	\$ 593.42
Board of Health	728.50
Appeal Board	60.00
School	31.15
School Lunch Program	22,706.05
Highway	385.34
Planning Board	65.00

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 24,569.46

## Licenses &amp; Permits:

Dog	\$ 1,102.50
Slaughter	25.00
Building & Sewerage	997.00
Electrical	1,538.00
Plumbing	524.00
Gas	305.00
Septic System Installers	100.00
Junk	4.00
Auctioneer	5.00
Revolver	194.00

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Milk	3.50
Ice Cream	5.00
Camp	3.50
Lord's Day	.50
Oleo	.50
Raffle	10.00
Catering	1.00

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 4,818.50

## Unclassified:

Interest on Deposits	\$ 13,238.73
Interest on Taxes	2,110.66
Rent of Town Halls	118.00
Land Rent	10.00
Slaughter Inspection Refund	450.78
Court Fines	355.00
Sale of Dogs	30.00
Street List & Maps	96.45
Pay Station Commission	87.50
Sale of Surplus Property	1,007.48
Use of Copier	11.65
Insurance Dividend	516.71
Solid Waste Study District Refund	626.28
Departmental Refunds	1,711.69
Insurance Refunds	15.00
Revenue Loan	400,000.00
Miscellaneous	42.79

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 420,428.72

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

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 \$2,525,731.35

## Agency Accounts:

Federal Withholding Tax	\$ 69,194.35
State Withholding Tax	16,038.06

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Teachers Retirement	15,467.41
County Retirement	7,371.65
Blue Cross — Blue Shield	5,652.71
Life Insurance	248.28
Tax Sheltered Annuity	2,279.60
Pioneer (Mass.) Federal Credit Union	8,998.50
B.T.A. Dues	367.20

## EXPENDITURES FOR 1970

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	\$ 2,286.74
Assessors	3,841.10
Treasurer	4,017.68
Town Clerk	762.01
Accountant	3,943.90
Collector	2,421.09
Registrars	350.00
Elections	1,031.66
Town Counsel	1,200.00
Conservation Fund	1,500.00
Conservation Commission	15.00
Planning Board	100.00
Appeal Board	134.70
Building Inspector	1,100.00
Wire Inspector	1,200.00
Gas Inspector	609.00
Plumbing Inspector	557.54
Finance Committee	25.00
Recreation Committee	3,885.63
Recreation Comm. 1968 Account	350.00
Board of Health	12,165.35
Inspector of Slaughtering	419.09
Child Guidance Center	783.20
Regional Refuse Disposal District	1,000.00

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\$ 43,698.69

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### Protection of Persons and Property

Dog Officer	\$ 442.00	
Police	70,100.18	
Police Cruiser – Ambulance	2,900.00	
Police Cruiser – 1969 Account	4,500.00	
Fire Department	20,262.51	
Tree Warden	1,999.97	
Moth Suppression	1,399.85	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	2,500.00	
Fire Dept. – Communications office	1,682.95	
Police Cruiser – outside speaker	300.00	
		\$ 106,087.46

### Aid and Relief

Veterans' Benefits	\$ 3,232.60
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### Schools and Libraries

School Department	\$ 481,405.29	
School Account – Title I	1,951.11	
School Account – ESEA Title II	641.09	
School Lunch Program	34,046.93	
Spofford Pond School Addition	4,920.73	
Regional District School	744,643.48	
Town Libraries	25,089.53	
Library Gifts	46.00	
East Parish Library Funds	186.15	
West Parish Library Funds	159.26	
Boxford Village Library Well	470.57	
Town Library Planning Fund	1,320.00	
		\$1,294,880.14



## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## Highways

General Highway Department	\$ 1,839.65
Herrick Road Improvement, 1969 Acct.	44.00
Herrick Road Improvement	4,500.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	21,688.00
Chapter 90 Construction, 1969 Acct.	28,958.00
Chapter 90 Construction, 1970 Acct.	22,770.72
Highway Equipment	8,745.00
Highway Operational Expense	2,658.46
Highways and Bridges	1,717.66
Highways and Bridges, 1969 Account	238.30
Snow Removal and Sanding	33,850.67
Road Machinery Maintenance	6,750.43
Towne Road Repairs and Improvement	11,137.22
Street Lighting	913.92
Vacation Account	1,790.00
Sick Benefit	115.00
Town Garage — 1968 Account	179.63
Land Taking for Highway Purposes	803.00

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\$ 148,699.66

## Unclassified

Town Halls	\$ 2,110.14
Town Hall Renovations	2,500.00
Public Grounds	82.24
Insurance	3,358.48
Memorial Day	600.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Brookside Cemetery	100.00
Curtis and Killam Burial Lot Fund	7.50
Harmony Cemetery	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	100.00
'Old' Town Cemetery	50.00
Real Estate Tax Interest Refund	7.64
Audit of Municipal Accounts	141.73

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Clerical	1,754.88	
Community House	276.81	
Essex County Mosquito Control	9,818.38	
Excise Tax Bills	413.85	
Town Reports	1,719.00	
Civil Defense	97.62	
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	1,528.99	
Veterans' Service District	171.74	
State Parks and Reservations	4,582.62	
County Tax	26,485.18	
County Retirement System	12,344.02	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	4,615.29	
Real Estate Tax Refunds	5,743.81	
Dog Licenses to County	1,082.50	
Sale of Dogs Refunded to County	30.00	
Personal Property Tax Refunds	11.20	
Stabilization Fund	25,000.00	
Bills of Charge	178.15	
Principal on Maturing Debt	34,000.00	
Interest on Loans	13,503.64	
Temporary Loan	400,000.00	
Group Life and Hospital Insurance	5,891.83	
		\$ 558,832.24
<b>TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS</b>		<b>\$2,155,430.79</b>

## Agency Accounts

Tax Sheltered Annuity	\$ 2,273.80
Life Insurance	247.64
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	5,676.17
Federal Withholding Tax	69,194.35
Essex County Retirement	7,371.65
State Withholding Tax	16,038.06
B. T. A. Dues	367.20
Credit Union	8,998.50
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement	14,833.81

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1970

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

Cash: General		\$ 370,278.78
Town Halls & Library Petty Cash Advance		100.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1960		
Real Estate		4.70
Levy of 1961		
Real Estate		16.45
Levy of 1962		
Real Estate	\$ 17.68	
Personal	303.00	
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Levy of 1963		
Real Estate	22.73	
Personal	30.30	
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Levy of 1964		
Real Estate	326.25	
Personal	11.25	
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Levy of 1965		
Real Estate	103.20	
Personal	158.88	
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Levy of 1966		
Real Estate	1,770.40	
Personal	49.35	
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Levy of 1967		
Real Estate	2,879.66	
Personal	373.65	
		3,253.31
Levy of 1968		
Real Estate	6,899.86	
Personal	613.20	
		7,513.06
Levy of 1969		
Real Estate	9,458.18	
Personal	783.75	
		10,241.93
Levy of 1970		
Real Estate	65,477.15	
Personal	3,155.04	
		68,632.19
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1965	13.20	
Levy of 1966	2,854.72	
Levy of 1967	2,356.23	
Levy of 1968	2,517.99	
Levy of 1969	4,233.09	
Levy of 1970	15,627.44	
		27,602.67
Classified Forest Land		
Levy of 1970		39.76
Departmental:		
Snow Removal	434.25	
Veterans' Services	1,006.17	
		1,440.42

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Tax Title	98.33
State and County Aid to Highways	23,388.44
Underestimates:	
State Parks & Reservations	339.72
Mosquito Control	3,550.38
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	3,890.10
Overdrawn:	
School Lunch	315.56
Agency Account:	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	23.46
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	\$519,632.20

## DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 102,000.00
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## TRUST FUNDS – CASH ON DEPOSIT

Trust Funds, Cash & Securities	\$ 213,045.99
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## LIABILITIES

Reserve until Collected:	
Tax Title Revenue	\$ 98.33
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	27,602.67
Departmental Revenue	1,440.42
Special Assessment Revenue	39.76
State & County Aid to Highways	
Revenue	23,388.44
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	\$ 52,569.62
Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	100.00



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## Overlay Reserves for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1960	\$ 4.70
Levy of 1961	16.45
Levy of 1962	320.68
Levy of 1963	53.03
Levy of 1964	337.50
Levy of 1965	262.08
Levy of 1966	1,819.75
Levy of 1967	3,253.31
Levy of 1968	7,513.03
Levy of 1969	10,241.93
Levy of 1970	34,262.09

58,084.55

## Overlay Surplus Reserve

41,876.28

## Excess & Deficiency

264,656.03

## Appropriation Accounts:

Assessors — 1970 Account	\$ 58.90
Assessors Maps	8,553.87
Goodwin Plans	100.00
Dog Officer	100.00
Central Communications System — 1966	257.64
Fire Dept. — Communications Office	67.05
Fire Dept. — 1970 Account	829.00
Chap. 90 Construction — 1970 Account	6,141.28
Repairs & Improvement of Towne Road	4,991.50
Traffic Control Signs	1,000.00
Land Taking for Highway Purposes — 1970	2,000.00
Chapter 616 Highway Fund 1968 Account	127.39
Chapter 616 Highway Fund 1969 Account	44.69
Chapter 768 1970 Account	3,300.02
Town Garage — 1968 Account	52.07
Spofford Pond School Addition	13,606.51

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J. T. Barker Fund	14,090.00	
Masconomet Regional School Planning	15,252.05	
Town Library Planning Fund	3,680.00	
Vocational Regional School District — Planning Committee	100.00	
Police	656.40	
Morse House — 1964 Account	44.77	
Civil Defense	248.45	
		\$ 75,391.59
U. S. Grants		
Disability Assistance	150.00	
Medical Assistance	5,330.19	
School Aid — Title I	2,780.00	
School Aid — Title II	4.41	
School Aid — Title III	4,446.49	
School Aid — Public Law No. 874	4,049.31	
		\$ 16,760.40
Middleton Road Landtaking — Owners Unknown		1,061.50
Dog Licenses		20.00
Road Machinery Fund		7,448.54
Library Gifts		510.74
Agency Accounts:		
Tax Sheltered Annuity	5.80	
Life Insurance	.64	
Mass. Teachers Retirement	633.60	
		\$ 640.04
Overestimates:		
Ipswich River Watershed District	345.37	
County Tax	167.54	
		\$ 512.91
		\$ 519,632.20

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## DEBT ACCOUNT

School Loans	\$ 102,000.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	\$ 1,460.15
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,249.61
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,590.98
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	480.48
East Parish Library Fund	3,685.61
West Parish Library Fund	3,159.08
Mary Stacy Holmes Library Fund	2,444.28
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,798.95
Boxford Visiting Nurse Fund	1,728.16
Town School Fund	4,500.00
Stabilization Fund	172,344.99
Conservation Fund	12,603.70
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	\$ 213,045.99

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## DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1970

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## Selectmen

Appropriation		\$	2,650.00
Salaries, selectmen	\$	1,705.00	
Clerical		485.00	
Office expense		3.74	
State and County association dues and meetings		93.00	
Total Expenditure	\$	2,286.74	
Balance to Revenue		363.26	
	\$	2,650.00	\$ 2,650.00

## Board of Assessors

Appropriation		\$	3,900.00
Salaries, Board of Assessors	\$	2,950.00	
Clerical		368.00	
Abstracts		142.98	
Office supplies		350.12	
State and County Association dues		30.00	
Total Expenditure	\$	3,841.10	
Balance to 1971		58.90	
	\$	3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00

## Treasurer

Appropriation		\$	4,025.00
Salary, Treasurer	\$	2,800.00	

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Bond	123.00		
Office expense	252.55		
Clerical	694.13		
Postage	144.00		
Convention and dues	5.00		
Total Expenditure	\$ 4,018.68		
Balance to Revenue	6.32		
	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 4,025.00	

## Town Clerk

Appropriation		\$ 700.00	
Transfer from reserve		62.01	
Services, Town Clerk	\$ 486.00		
Bond	10.00		
Office expenses	172.01		
Dues	10.00		
Advertising	84.00		
Total Expenditures	\$ 762.01	\$ 762.01	

## Collector

Appropriation		\$ 2,600.00	
Salary, Collector	\$ 1,400.00		
Bonds	223.00		
Office expense	598.09		
Clerical	200.00		
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,421.09		
Balance to Revenue	178.91		
	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	



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**Accountant**

Appropriation		\$	4,000.00
Salary, Accountant	\$	3,000.00	
Office expense		391.21	
Clerical		552.69	
Total Expenditures	\$	3,943.90	
Balance to Revenue		56.10	
	\$	4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

**Town Counsel**

Appropriation		\$	1,200.00
Salary, Town Counsel	\$	1,200.00	
	\$	1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00

**Finance Committee**

Appropriation		\$	35.00
Association dues	\$	25.00	
Balance to Revenue		10.00	
	\$	35.00	\$ 35.00

**Registrars**

Appropriation		\$	350.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	\$	130.00	
Printing		220.00	
	\$	350.00	\$ 350.00

**Elections**

Appropriation		\$	1,000.00
Transfer from Library well account			100.00
Election officers	\$	881.66	
Printing		150.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$	1,031.66	
Balance to Revenue		68.34	
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	\$	1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00

**Appeal Board**

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Advertising	\$	89.90	
Office expense		13.00	
Clerical		31.80	
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Total Expenditures	\$	134.70	
Balance to Revenue		365.30	
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	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00

**Planning Board**

Appropriation		\$	900.00
Advertising	\$	27.50	
Printing		72.50	
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Total Expenditures	\$	100.00	
Balance to Revenue		800.00	
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	\$	900.00	\$ 900.00

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**Conservation Commission**

Appropriation		\$	60.00
Association dues	\$	15.00	
Balance to Revenue		45.00	
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	\$	60.00	\$ 60.00

**Recreation Committee**

Appropriation		\$	900.00
Received from Fourth of July Committee			185.17
Preparation and maintenance of ballfields	\$	3,284.33	
July Fourth Parade		425.00	
Heat and light		115.70	
Telephone		60.60	
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Total Expenditures	\$	3,885.63	
Balance to Revenue		299.54	
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	\$	4,185.17	\$ 4,185.17

**Recreation Committee 1968 Account**

Balance from 1969		\$	649.99
Backstop	\$	350.00	
Balance to Revenue		299.99	
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	\$	649.99	\$ 649.99

**Building Inspector**

Appropriation		\$	1,100.00
Services, Building Inspector	\$	850.00	
Office expense and mileage		250.00	
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	\$	1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00

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## Wire Inspector

Appropriation		\$	1,200.00
Services, Wire Inspector	\$	591.20	
Office expense		302.68	
Mileage		306.12	
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	\$	1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00

## Plumbing Inspector

Appropriation		\$	650.00
Services, Plumbing Inspector	\$	520.50	
Office expense		19.54	
Clerical		17.50	
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Total Expenditures		557.54	
Balance to Revenue		92.46	
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	\$	650.00	\$ 650.00

## Gas Inspector

Appropriation		\$	600.00
Transfer from Reserve			9.00
Services, Gas Inspector	\$	297.00	
Service			
Office expense		200.00	
Mileage		100.00	
Association dues		12.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$	609.00	\$ 609.00

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## Board of Health

Appropriation		\$	10,020.00
Transfer from Reserve			645.35
Transfer from Excess & Deficiency			1,500.00
Salaries, Board of Health	\$	325.00	
Services, Sanitary Engineer		100.00	
Services, Dump Caretaker		1,924.00	
Maintenance of dump		4,827.06	
Supplies		73.29	
Nurse		20.00	
Clerical		4.00	
Association dues		12.00	
BTW Health District		4,880.00	
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	\$	12,165.35	\$ 12,165.35

## Child Guidance Center

Appropriation		\$	783.20
Mental Health Association	\$	783.20	
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	\$	783.20	\$ 783.20

## Inspector of Slaughtering

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Salary, Inspector of Slaughtering	\$	419.09	
Balance to Revenue		80.91	
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	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00



**Regional Refuse Disposal District**

Appropriation		\$	1,000.00	
District	\$	1,000.00		
	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****Dog Officer**

Appropriation		\$	400.00
County of Essex refunds			360.00
Board and disposal of stray dogs	\$	442.00	
Total Expenditures	\$	442.00	
Transfer to 1971		100.00	
Balance to Revenue	\$	218.00	
	\$	760.00	\$ 760.00

**Police Cruiser — 1969 Account**

Balance from 1969		\$	4,500.00	
Cruiser	\$	4,500.00		
	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00

**Police Cruiser—Ambulance**

Appropriation		\$	2,800.00
Transfer from Reserve			100.00
Cruiser—Ambulance	\$	2,900.00	
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	\$	2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

## Police

Appropriation		\$	69,300.00
Government grant			2,644.00
Labor	\$	16,396.93	
Salaries		27,425.25	
Blue line operators		4,231.00	
Secretary		4,087.60	
Police matrons		56.99	
Insurance		1,277.27	
Repairs and tires		2,458.89	
Gasoline and oil		4,134.62	
Supplies, etc.		419.61	
Mileage		318.70	
Heat and light		637.64	
Office expense and equipment		881.48	
Uniforms and arms		1,426.19	
Cruiser lettering, etc.		162.00	
Rent		900.00	
Station Maintenance		101.60	
Communications		1,846.10	
Training and education		494.31	
Haverhill lockup		200.00	
Radar and radios		2,644.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$	70,100.18	
Balance to Revenue		1,187.42	
Balance to 1971		656.40	
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	\$	71,944.00	\$ 71,944.00

## Police Cruiser Outside Speaker

Appropriation		\$	350.00
Outside speaker	\$	300.00	
Balance to Revenue		50.00	
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	\$	350.00	\$ 350.00

**Fire**

Appropriation		\$	25,455.00
Salaries	\$	2,000.00	
Red line operators		4,800.00	
Labor		3,847.23	
Equipment		338.31	
Repairs		1,419.12	
Heat and light		1,165.21	
Insurance		1,759.46	
Station maintenance		782.15	
Communications		1,965.18	
Supplies		705.73	
Gasoline and oil		314.11	
Boots, helmets, coats, etc.		302.10	
Training		42.80	
Office expense		100.00	
Gravel		225.00	
Dues and subscriptions		10.50	
Communications maintenance		464.61	
Plowing		21.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$	20,262.51	
Balance to 1971		829.00	
Balance to Revenue		4,363.49	
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	\$	25,455.00	\$ 25,455.00

**Communications Room**

Appropriation		\$	1,750.00
Carpentry and painting	\$	1,682.95	
Balance to 1971		67.05	
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	\$	1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00

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Tree Warden

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Trucks	\$	160.00	
Power saw		80.00	
Contract		1,759.97	
Total Expenditures	\$	1,999.97	
Balance to Revenue		.03	
	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		\$	1,400.00
Contract	\$	1,063.85	
Truck		96.00	
Saw		48.00	
Backhoe		96.00	
Labor		96.00	
Total Expenditures	\$	1,399.85	
Balance to Revenue		.15	
	\$	1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		\$	2,500.00
Labor	\$	654.40	
Power saw		312.00	
Trucks		624.00	
Contract work		909.60	
Total Expenditures	\$	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

**Veterans' Benefits**

Appropriation		\$	3,000.00	
Transfer — from Library well account			350.00	
Cash	\$	3,232.60		
Balance to Revenue		117.40		
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	\$	3,350.00	\$	3,350.00

**HIGHWAYS****Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund**

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00	
Labor	\$	975.10		
Guardrail		538.04		
Printing		66.00		
Patch		92.82		
Seed		45.70		
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Total Expenditures	\$	1,717.66		
Balance to Revenue		282.34		
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	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00

**Highways and Bridges — Selectmen's Fund — 1969 Account**

Balance from 1969		\$	238.30	
Signs	\$	238.30		
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	\$	238.30	\$	238.30

**General Highway Department**

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00	
Signs	\$	664.40		
Lines Painted		379.90		
Spraying		250.00		



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Supplies	116.51		
Labor	364.00		
Patch	64.84		
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,839.65		
Balance to Revenue	160.35		
	\$ 2,000.00	\$	2,000.00

## Highway Equipment

Appropriation		\$	8,500.00
Transfer from Reserve			245.00
Truck	\$ 4,845.00		
Dump Body	1,550.00		
Sander	2,350.00		
	\$ 8,745.00	\$	8,745.00

## Town Garage

Balance from 1969		\$	231.70
Plaque	\$ 79.63		
Balance on new building	100.00		
Total Expenditures	\$ 179.63		
Balance to 1971	52.07		
	\$ 231.70	\$	231.70

## Highway Department — Operational Expense

Appropriation		\$	3,000.00
Supplies	\$ 283.35		
Heat & Light	1,473.91		
Insurance — Garage	466.04		
Telephone	218.46		

Maintenance		216.70	
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Total Expenditures	\$	2,658.46	
Balance to Revenue		341.54	
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	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

**Towne Road — Repairs and Improvement**

Balance from 1969			\$ 16,328.72
Labor	\$	1,867.50	
Trucks		222.00	
Backhoe & Loader		2,224.75	
Culverts		5,943.70	
Supplies		53.77	
Use of Town Tools		200.00	
Masonry		683.50	
Welding		30.00	
Delivery Charge		112.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$	11,337.22	
Balance to 1971		4,991.50	
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	\$	16,328.72	\$ 16,328.72

**Chapter 81 — Maintenance**

Appropriation			\$ 2,800.00
State Allotment			19,250.00
Labor	\$	9,367.50	
Trucks		2,078.90	
Loader		1,363.00	
Grader		352.00	
Sand & Gravel		1,657.29	
Oil		4,126.67	
Patch		1,802.99	
Hot Top		62.50	

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Draining & Culverts	853.15	
Tractor	24.00	
Use of Town Tools	362.00	
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,050.00	\$ 22,050.00

**Chapter 90 Construction**  
**Washington Street 1969 Account**

Balance from 1969		\$ 29,000.00
Labor	\$ 4,571.39	
Trucks	4,686.00	
Bulldozer	5,398.00	
Backhoe	264.00	
Drill & Blast	6,500.00	
Gradall	792.00	
Supplies	97.90	
Culverts	1,004.74	
Gravel	318.97	
Use of Town Tools	42.00	
Loader	5,325.00	
Total Expenditures	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00

**Chapter 90 — Construction**  
**Washington Street**

Appropriation		\$ 7,250.00
County Allotment		7,250.00
State Allotment		14,500.00
Labor	\$ 2,320.11	
Trucks	426.00	
Bulldozer	336.00	
Loader & Backhoe	432.00	
Supplies	318.34	
Guardrail	1,480.00	
Hot Top	11,785.51	
Gravel	4,049.82	

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Bounds	67.00		
Culverts	763.94		
Use of Town Tools	88.00		
Gradall	792.00		
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,858.72		
Balance to 1971	6,141.28		
	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	

## Snow Removal &amp; Sanding

Appropriation		\$ 30,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve		8,994.17	
Labor	\$ 9,292.25		
Trucks	1,743.00		
Trucks & Plows	5,628.36		
Backhoe	24.00		
Loaders	960.00		
Sand	5,539.54		
Salt	10,601.52		
Use of Town Tools	5,143.50		
Tractor	62.00		
Total Expenditures	\$ 38,994.17	\$ 38,994.17	

## Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation		\$ 3,500.00	
Transfer from Road Machinery Fund		3,500.00	
Repairs	\$ 2,946.43		
Gas & Oil	1,360.30		
Tires	320.50		
Supplies	1,622.17		
Fuel	37.48		
Barricades & Signs, etc.	99.40		

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Insurance & Registration Fee	364.15		
Total Expenditures	\$	6,750.43	
Transfer to Road Machinery Fund		249.57	
	\$	7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00

**Herrick Road Improvement – 1969 Account**

Balance from 1969			\$ 44.00
Guardrail	\$	44.00	
	\$	44.00	\$ 44.00

**Herrick Road Improvement**

Appropriation			\$ 4,500.00
Guardrail	\$	620.46	
Hot Top		3,631.54	
County Bounds		248.00	
Total Expenditure	\$	4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00

**Street Lighting**

Appropriation			\$ 1,300.00
Street Lights	\$	913.92	
Balance to Revenue		386.08	
	\$	1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00

**Sick Benefit**

Appropriation			\$ 1,000.00
Pay Rolls	\$	115.00	
Balance to Revenue		885.00	
	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00



**Highway Vacation Account**

Appropriation		\$	2,500.00
Vacation Payrolls	\$	1,790.00	
Balance to Revenue		710.00	
	\$	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

**Land Taking for Highway Purposes  
Washington Street 1969 Account**

Balance from 1969		\$	803.00
Land Taking	\$	803.00	
	\$	803.00	\$ 803.00

**SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES****Elementary Schools**

Appropriation		\$	487,267.00
Transfer from School Aid Title I			547.00
Administration	\$	14,194.93	
Instruction		343,824.42	
Other School services		51,076.28	
Operation and maintenance of plants		57,014.21	
Fixed charges		8,098.41	
Community services		145.37	
Acquisition of fixed assets		4,639.04	
Programs with other districts		2,497.19	
Total Expenditures	\$	481,489.85	
Balance to Revenue		6,324.15	
	\$	487,814.00	\$ 487,814.00

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**School Lunch Program**

Balance from 1969		\$	1,810.43
Cash			22,706.05
State Grants			9,214.89
Salaries	\$	12,773.06	
Food		18,998.64	
Gas		773.34	
Supplies		278.19	
Repairs		835.74	
Trucking		261.26	
Mileage		126.70	
Debit to 1971			315.56
	\$	34,046.93	\$ 34,046.93

**School Aid — Title I**

Balance from 1969		\$	2,180.00
Federal grants			3,327.00
Teacher coaches	\$	2,727.00	
Balance to 1971		2,780.00	
	\$	5,507.00	\$ 5,507.00

**School Aid — Title II**

Grant		\$	645.50
Books	\$	641.09	
Balance to 1971		4.41	
	\$	645.50	\$ 645.50

**Regional District School**

Appropriation		\$	744,643.48
Masconomet Regional District School	\$	744,643.48	
	\$	744,643.48	\$ 744,643.48

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Spofford Pond School Addition

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Balance from 1969		\$	18,327.24
Contractor	\$	2,000.00	
Furnishings and equipment		2,920.73	
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Total expenditure	\$	4,920.73	
Balance to 1971		13,406.51	
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	\$	18,327.24	\$ 18,327.24

Town Library

Appropriation		\$	25,430.00
Dog refund			672.69
State Aid			502.50
Payrolls	\$	15,560.92	
Janitor		537.27	
Books		4,185.28	
Periodicals		83.06	
Recordings		44.32	
Light		400.40	
Heat		964.00	
Telephone		288.91	
Supplies		721.11	
Equipment		206.42	
Repair and Maintenance, buildings		644.16	
Repair and Maintenance, grounds		244.70	
Insurance		927.55	
Miscellaneous		281.43	
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Total Expenditures	\$	25,089.53	
Balance to Revenue		1,515.66	
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	\$	26,605.19	\$ 26,605.19

Boxford Village Library Well

Appropriation		\$	1,500.00
Well	\$	470.57	
Transfer to Veterans' Benefit		350.00	

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Transfer to Elections	100.00	
Transfer to Group Hospitalization & Life Insurance	410.00	
Balance to Revenue	169.43	
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	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

## Library Gifts

Balance from 1969		\$ 516.74
Gifts		40.00
Table	\$ 46.00	
Balance to 1971	510.74	
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	\$ 556.74	\$ 556.74

## UNCLASSIFIED

## Town Halls

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		110.14
Janitors	\$ 279.84	
Fuel	731.83	
Light	370.16	
Telephone	272.88	
Repairs	356.46	
Supplies	94.57	
Refuse collection	4.40	
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Total Expenditures	\$ 2,110.14	\$ 2,110.14

## Town Hall 1968 Account

Balance from 1969		\$ 1,553.11
Transfer to Town Hall Renovation account	\$ 1,553.11	
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	\$ 1,553.11	\$ 1,553.11

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## Town Hall Renovations

Transfer from Town Hall 1968 Account		\$	1,553.11
Appropriation			946.89
Storage area, shelving and labor	\$	420.33	
Town Hall — painting, interior and exterior		1,985.00	
Lighting		94.67	
	\$	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

## Public Grounds

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Mowing commons	\$	82.24	
Balance to Revenue		217.76	
	\$	300.00	\$ 300.00

## Memorial Day

Appropriation		\$	600.00
Band	\$	200.00	
Flowers		20.73	
Flags and grave markers		32.75	
Honor Roll maintenance		45.32	
Refreshments		304.90	
Total Expenditures	\$	603.70	
Paid by James L. Melvin Post		3.70	
	\$	600.00	\$ 600.00

## Clerical

Appropriation		\$	1,800.00
Clerical	\$	1,754.88	
Balance to Revenue		45.12	
	\$	1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00



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**Community House**

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Electricity	\$	25.13	
Repairs		152.06	
Fuel		99.62	
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Total Expenditure	\$	276.81	
Balance to Revenue		23.19	
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	\$	300.00	\$ 300.00

**Town Reports**

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Town Reports	\$	1,500.00	
Warrants		144.00	
Delivery		75.00	
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Total Expenditures	\$	1,719.00	
Balance to Revenue		281.00	
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	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

**Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund**

Interest		\$	7.50
Maintenance	\$	7.50	
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	\$	7.50	\$ 7.50

**Brookside Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Maintenance	\$	100.00	
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	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00

**Soldiers Graves**

Appropriation		\$	225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	\$	100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries		100.00	
Old Cemetery		25.00	
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	\$	225.00	\$ 225.00

**Harmony Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$	150.00
Maintenance	\$	150.00	
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	\$	150.00	\$ 150.00

**Boxford Village Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$	150.00
Maintenance	\$	150.00	
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	\$	150.00	\$ 150.00

**Mt. Vernon Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Maintenance	\$	100.00	
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	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00

**'Old' Town Cemetery**

Appropriation		\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	50.00	
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	\$	50.00	\$ 50.00

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**Civil Defense**

Appropriation		\$	200.00
Balance from 1969			146.07
Director's salary	\$	50.00	
Communications equipment repairs		47.62	
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Total Expenditures	\$	97.62	
Balance to 1971		248.45	
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	\$	346.07	\$ 346.07

**Contingency Fund**

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Town meeting expense	\$	39.50	
Balance on cruiser		206.00	
Painting		125.00	
Law books		72.50	
Transportation of furniture		100.00	
Advertising		84.58	
Note and recording fees		16.00	
Test holes		60.00	
Street lists and maps		246.00	
Office expense		163.81	
Microfilm File		12.50	
Legal expenses		292.30	
Historic District Study Committee		110.80	
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Total Expenditures	\$	1,528.99	
Balance to Revenue		471.01	
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	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

**Insurance**

Appropriation		\$	4,490.00
Compensation	\$	1,953.00	
Non-owned auto liability		241.93	
Multi Peril		237.00	
Boiler		35.00	







ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BOXFORD  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1970

BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

BOXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Webster B. Brockelman, Chairman	Term Expires 1973
Peter K. Race, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1971
Harris R. Gates	Term Expires 1972
A. Gordon Price	Term Expires 1972
Albert D. Wood	Term Expires 1973

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Herbert A. Rouisse

School Committee Operation

Meetings of the Boxford School Committee are regularly held in the library of the Spofford Pond School. The regular meetings are scheduled for 7:45 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month throughout the year. Meetings are open to the public. Town officials and interested citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings. Those individuals or groups who would like to have an item placed on the agenda for consideration by the committee are requested to refer the matter in writing to the Superintendent of Schools. Executive sessions are seldom held and then only in matters requiring privacy and consistent with the open meeting statute. There has been regular press coverage and full accounts of committee actions have been reported in the local newspapers.

In the event of special meetings or changes in the dates of regular meetings, a notice giving this information is posted in the Town Hall. During 1970 the committee held a total of 20 regular meetings and one special meeting.

The committee endeavors to maintain a liaison with other groups having related interests in local public education. To that end various members serve on other committees. The representation during the past year has been as follows: W. Brockelman, G. Price and P. Race are members of the Topsfield-Boxford School Union Committee; H. Gates, G. Price and P. Race are members of the School Building Committee; P. Race and A. Wood are representatives to the Future Considerations Subcommittee; W. Brockelman is a

member of the Regionalization Planning Committee; G. Price serves on the Regional Vocational-Technical School Planning Committee; W. Brockelman, H. Gates, and P. Race served as the committee's negotiating team for collective bargaining.

## FINANCIAL

In the development of the 1971 budget, the School Committee has endeavored to take into full account the problem of rising demands upon the local tax dollar in conjunction with continuing inflation and rising unemployment. Certain increases were inescapable in view of salary increases granted to begin in September, 1970, but whose full effect would be felt in the 1971 Budget. However, beyond this built-in increase, every effort was made to hold further increases to minimal levels. No significant new services have been provided. Provision for salary increases to begin in September, 1971, were limited to percentages consistent with the increase in the consumer price index.

A helpful element in avoiding additional increases was the leveling of the pupil enrollment. Average enrollment has risen steadily for the past several years; 540 in 1966, 595 in 1967, 648 in 1968, 678 in 1969, and 709 in 1970. However, no significant increase in enrollment is anticipated for 1971 nor for the year or two immediately following.

Changes in the major accounts are as noted below:

Account	Approp. 1970	Budget 1971	Increase	Percent Change
Administration	\$ 14,342	\$ 16,092	\$ 1,750	12.20%
Instruction	351,971	374,919	22,948	6.51%
Other School Services	52,463	57,609	5,146	9.80%
Oper. & Maintenance of Plant	49,703	55,624	5,921	11.91%
Fixed Charges	7,500	7,600	100	1.33%
Community Services	300	300	----	----
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	3,413	3,994	581	17.02%

## BOXFORD TOWN REPORT

Programs with Other Communities	2,575	3,100	525	20.39%
Total	<u>\$482,267</u>	<u>\$519,238</u>	<u>\$36,971</u>	<u>7.66%</u>
Contingency	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$487,267	\$524,238	\$36,971	7.58%

As is generally the case, the greatest increase is found in the Instruction Account. The \$22,948 increase in this account represents almost two-thirds of the total budget increase and reflects almost entirely increases in instructional salaries. These factors bring about the increase:

- a) The impact for a full year of a higher salary schedule, effective in September, 1970.
- b) The impact for a full year of annual salary increments, effective in September, 1970.
- c) The impact for the period of September-December, 1971, of a higher salary schedule, to be effective in September, 1971.
- d) The impact for the period of September-December, 1970, of annual salary increments, to be effective in September, 1971.
- e) The impact for a full year of additional remedial reading service and speech service, effective in September, 1970.

Comments on other significant changes follow:

- a) An increase of \$900 in the Workshop and Conference Account was brought about by adoption of a shared tuition plan for graduate study as a result of the 1969 collective bargaining.
- b) An increase of \$3,395 in the Regular Transportation Account provides for an anticipated increase in connection with new bids to be sought early in 1971. The current three-year contract terminates in June, 1971.
- c) The increase of \$4,730 in the Custodial Services Account reflects not only higher wages by the addition of a part-time maintenance worker. This increase is somewhat compensated by the large decrease in the Specific Repair and Upkeep Account.

d) The increase of \$525 in the Vocational Tuition Account reflects the tuition for a second Boxford pupil attending the Haverhill Trade School.

e) A large increase of \$2,700 was provided for the Fuel Oil Account predicated upon the enormous price increase for heavy oils. The price increase for heavy oils. The price for the No. 405 oil used at Spofford Pond School is now \$4.96 per barrel, compared with \$2.95 per barrel a year ago.

The average pupil enrollment in 1970 was 709. Therefore, the gross per pupil cost, excluding any reimbursements, based upon the appropriation of \$487,267 was \$687. The 1971 Budget of \$524,238 divided by the projected average enrollment of 705 yields a gross per pupil cost of \$744.

If the emergency contingency fund of \$5,000 is excluded, the above per pupil costs would be respectively \$680 and \$737.

Note should be taken of the significant increase in statewide aid for public education received by the Town during 1970. Under the full funding act, Chapter 70 receipts for general aid to education during 1970 in Boxford will total well in excess of \$250,000 as compared with receipts of \$129,000 in 1969. In addition, receipts from various categorical reimbursements, such as transportation, special education, and vocational education will show a small increase as well.

1970 Budget, expenditures for 1970, and the 1971 Budget are shown in detail below.

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### School Committee

Salary of Clerk	\$	300.00		\$	300.00
Other Expense		400.00	424.75		450.00

##### Superintendent's Office

Salary	7,660.00	7,772.44	8,537.00
Salaries, secretarial	4,767.00	4,853.27	5,438.00
Census	200.00	\$ 200.00	200.00
Supplies and Materials	540.00	536.87	617.00
Other	75.00	75.98	150.00
Travel-in-State	275.00	229.74	275.00
Travel-out-of-State	<u>125.00</u>	<u>101.88</u>	<u>125.00</u>
	\$ 14,342.00	\$ 14,194.93	\$ 16,092.00



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## INSTRUCTION

Supervision			
Rinehart Handwriting	\$ 550.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00
Principals			
Salaries	23,716.00	24,038.20	26,540.00
Salaries, secretarial	6,737.00	6,726.79	7,005.00
Supplies	350.00	640.70	500.00
Other Expense	325.00	410.29	400.00
Teaching			
Salaries - Regular	270,763.00	263,686.57	286,882.00
Salaries - Special	16,286.00	15,870.44	14,619.00
Salaries - Substitutes	4,476.00	4,960.00	4,900.00
Salaries - SPED Tutoring	800.00	310.00	5,623.00
Teacher Coaches	2,675.00	1,721.19	1,375.00
Supplies and Materials			
General	5,059.00	4,608.04	4,900.00
Consumable Instructional			
Materials	4,000.00	4,349.58	4,455.00
Physical Education	300.00	237.23	300.00
Music	140.00	112.50	200.00
Remedial Reading	100.00	293.42	125.00
Perceptually-Handicapped	100.00	373.97	250.00
Workshop & Conference Exp.	1,400.00	1,591.43	3,700.00
Reading Supr. - Travel	--- --	--- --	80.00
Textbook Program			
Basic & Supplemental	4,177.00	3,861.78	4,300.00
Remedial Reading	100.00	157.79	100.00
Music Texts	175.00	97.09	100.00
Library Services			
Consultant/Clerical	4,449.00	4,024.89	3,969.00
Supplies and Materials	300.00	334.54	300.00
Audio-Visual Program			
Supplies and Materials	2,822.00	2,758.00	1,500.00
Guidance Services			
Supplies and Materials	720.00	744.38	795.00
Psychological Services			
Salary - Tester	975.00	990.00	975.00
Educational Television			
Supplies and Materials	476.00	475.50	476.00
	<u>\$351,971.00</u>	<u>\$343,824.42</u>	<u>\$374,919.00</u>

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## OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

## Attendance

Attendance Officer	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
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## School Adjustment

Counselor	4,405.00	4,373.37	4,627.00
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Other Expense - SAC Travel	50.00	44.40	50.00
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## Health Services

Nurse	4,562.00	4,347.48	5,127.00
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Physician	500.00	500.00	500.00
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Supplies/Materials	90.00	26.23	90.00
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Nurse Travel	60.00	69.10	60.00
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## Pupil Transportation

## Contracted Services

Regular	33,050.00	33,050.00	36,445.00
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Special Class	2,116.00	2,106.00	2,480.00
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Educational Trips	980.00	680.07	980.00
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Vocational	400.00	95.63	400.00
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## Food Services

	6,240.00	5,774.00	6,840.00
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	<u>\$ 52,463.00</u>	<u>\$ 51,076.28</u>	<u>\$ 57,609.00</u>
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## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

## Operation of Plant

Custodial Services	22,969.00	26,218.17	27,699.00
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Supplies and Materials	2,955.00	3,426.99	3,750.00
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## Heating Buildings

Oil	6,700.00	7,443.88	8,400.00
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## Utility Services

Light and Power	5,600.00	6,431.18	6,270.00
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Telephones - Schools	900.00	1,072.72	1,113.00
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Telephones - Administration	185.00	153.35	200.00
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## Maintenance of Plant

## Maintenance of Grounds

Care of Grounds	1,000.00	140.49	1,000.00
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Waste Removal	650.00	700.00	800.00
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Other (Repair-equipment)	50.00	46.83	100.00
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## Maintenance of Buildings

## Repairs and Upkeep

Specific	7,612.00	8,224.82	4,410.00
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Emergency	700.00	2,760.82	1,500.00
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Maintenance of Equipment			
Schools - Specific	240.00	266.90	240.00
Schools - Emergency	100.00	67.47	100.00
Administrative Office	42.00	60.59	42.00
	<u>\$ 49,703.00</u>	<u>\$ 57,014.21</u>	<u>\$ 55,624.00</u>
<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>			
Insurance Program	7,500.00	8,098.41	7,600.00
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>			
Civic Activities			
Reimbursable Janitor's			
Salaries	300.00	145.37	300.00
<b>ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Acquisition of Equipment			
Schools	1,853.00	3,367.10	2,434.00
Library (new/additional)	1,430.00	1,271.94	1,430.00
Replacement of Equipment			
Schools - Emergency	80.00		80.00
Administrative Office	50.00		50.00
	<u>\$ 3,413.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,639.04</u>	<u>\$ 3,994.00</u>
<b>PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS</b>			
Tuition - Elementary	1,260.00	1,125.28	1,260.00
Tuition - Vocational	1,165.00	1,170.16	1,690.00
Adult Education	150.00	201.75	150.00
	<u>\$ 2,575.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,497.19</u>	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>
<b>GENERAL CONTINGENCY</b>	<u>5,000.00</u>		<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<u>\$487,267.00</u>	<u>\$481,489.85</u>	<u>\$524,238.00</u>

## Collective Bargaining

Chapter 149, Section 1781 conveys upon public employees the right of collective bargaining. Under the provisions of this act the Boxford School Committee recognized the Boxford Teachers' Association as the designated bargaining group for the local teachers. The Boxford Teachers' Association and the National Education Association.

Generally, amicable and productive rounds of bargaining have been held during the past five years under the provisions of the statute. Agreement was reached on December 2nd ending the current round of negotiations. Negotiation during the fall of 1970 covered only the subject of the basic salary schedule, in view of the fact that 1970 was the second year of a two-year contract in which provision was made only for reopening negotiations on the basic salary schedule. The new salary schedule for teachers, effective September 1, 1971 is as follows:

Step	B	B+15	B+30	M	M+15	M+30	Prof. Cert.
1	7130	7330	7530	7730	7930	8130	8330
2	7430	7630	7830	8030	8230	8430	8630
3	7630	7830	8030	8230	8430	8630	8830
4	7930	8130	8330	8530	8730	8930	9130
5	8230	8430	8630	8830	9030	9230	9430
6	8530	8730	8930	9130	9330	9530	9730
7	8830	9030	9230	9430	9630	9830	10030
8	9130	9330	9530	9730	9930	10130	10330
9	9430	9630	9830	10030	10230	10430	10630
10	9730	9930	10130	10330	10530	10730	10930
11	10130	10330	10530	10730	10930	11130	11330
12	10530	10730	10930	11130	11330	11503	11730
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For comparison purposes the current salary schedule appears on page 122 of the 1969 Annual Report.

A basic issue frequently debated by the committee is that of the proper basis on which to advance the salary of the individual teacher. On the one side is the automatic advancement year by year through a structured salary schedule based solely on experience and training, as is indicated by the above salary schedule. The second approach is to vary the salaries paid to individual

staff members based upon factors other than training and experience. Such factors usually mentioned are those of responsibility or degree of competence.

An outgrowth\* of the 1969 collective bargaining agreement was the establishment of a joint committee of association representatives, school committee representatives, and an administrative representative, in an attempt to formulate a merit salary plan. This group worked from February through June of 1970, and consisted of the following persons: Miss Betsy Roberts, Mr. Kenneth Keaney, Mr. Michael Pisani representing the Boxford Teachers' Association; Mr. Joseph Ritchie representing the administration; and Mr. Harris Gates and Dr. Albert Wood serving as Boxford School Committee members. The findings from the committee's research gave evidence that merit plans had not and were not enjoying unqualified success and support throughout the country. It was also evident that the feeling of a majority of the local staff members was definitely against the merit concept. The committee reached a conclusion that it was pursuing a course of action that had little prospect of success. Therefore, it terminated activities and reported findings and conclusions to the school committee and the teachers' association. The report did also point out that a concept for future investigation was that of differentiated staff assignments. Under the differentiated staffing concept, staff members would be given the opportunity to make greater contributions to the school system by assuming additional responsibilities or different kinds of responsibilities with a consequent varying in salary levels.

While no activity is currently in process relative to basic changes in the mode of establishing teacher salary schedules, it is clear that the entire topic is one which requires major study and eventual resolution.

### School Facilities

The elementary school pupils in Boxford are currently enjoying the most adequate physical plant that has been theirs to enjoy in recent school history. Class size is generally very favorable and all classes are housed in two modern school buildings. The Spofford Pond School is a plant of 20 classrooms plus fine care facilities. Of these classrooms only 17 are in regular use on a regular classroom basis, leaving three available for future expansion as the enrollment dictates. Cole School has all thirteen of its classrooms in use and, with the use of the adjacent Wood School for a library and other special purposes, makes a very adequate physical plant. The appearance of the older



section of the Cole School was enhanced considerably during 1970 by the provision of new lighting in some of the corridor areas and the installation of carpeting in these same corridor areas. Also installed in a major section of the corridor areas were new ceilings, which not only improve the appearance and the acoustical conditions dramatically but also were consistent with the recommendations of the Boxford Fire Department and the fire insurance company in that the previous ceilings did not meet current standards for fire retardant qualities. Further improvement in the building's appearance was made by the painting of several classrooms and corridor areas, a program which will be continued during the current school year.

The school committee took the position during the year, as did the Boxford School Building Committee, that the next addition to the town's elementary school plant, when necessary, should take place at the Cole School, assuming present conditions prevail. It is recommended that the next construction step be an addition to the Cole School which will also encompass the Wood School to bring together those two buildings and additional space into one integrated facility which could be a more functional, better designed plant than presently exists for our purposes. Such a projected plant would offer a capacity and a facility very comparable with the Spofford Pond School. It is felt that a plant of approximately 20 classrooms is one large enough to be economically, instructionally, and administratively efficient, without being too large a school for elementary school age children. Therefore, the school committee supports the building committee in its notification to the selectmen of its interest in acquiring additional land adjacent to the Cole School for eventual expansion, which additional land would be necessary for any enlarged school plant.

A second major decision about the future school plant in Boxford, also made in conjunction with the school building committee, was the decision to return the Gardner Morse School to the Town for such town use as the Selectmen deem fit. The Gardner Morse School is a building erected 30 years ago containing two standard classrooms and one substandard basement classroom. In the past decade it has served as a reserve capacity, which has made it possible to delay the building of additional facilities for an additional year on two occasions. At this point, with an apparently stable pupil population now and in the immediate future, it appears to be a much more sensible course to make this building available for any appropriate town use rather than having it stand idle and deteriorate as would be the case under those circumstances. At such time as increasing enrollment might demand additional classrooms, the decision could be made in the light of the condi-

tions then existing as to whether it would be more beneficial for the town as a whole to return such a facility for school use or to advance the building of an addition to the Cole School by a year or two. Therefore, the Selectmen were officially notified of the school committee's action to return this facility to the town for town use and that the committee stands ready to make arrangements to transfer the facility for whatever use the Selectmen deem appropriate.

### Curriculum and Instruction

During 1970 a full consideration was given to the question of reporting pupil progress to parents. In the course of this consideration, a comprehensive survey was made of teacher and parent attitudes toward the report card which has been in use during the past several years. Following a series of meetings, some including staff members and others including parents as well, a decision was reached to modify extensively the kindergarten and primary report.

The kindergarten report in fact has become a conference memorandum in view of the fact that a planned schedule of parent conferences is carried on twice a year in place of the issuance of semi-annual reports. The conference memorandum does give the parents a written record of significant points made during the conference.

In the progress report for first and second graders the main thrust of the change was to provide more meaningful information to the parent, to reduce the undue emphasis placed on academic marks at such an early age, and to minimize the possibility of the development of a negative self-image, which unfortunately has developed on the part of some young children as a result of poor marks on report cards. Among the changes were the elimination of marks in the subjects of music, art, and physical education. Also eliminated were separate marks for spelling and penmanship. These subjects are now included as sub-categories under language arts. Substituted for the previous five-letter system of marking academic subjects were three marks; above-average, average, and below-average. Moreover, in the subject of reading, two such marks are given, one relating the child's progress to progress within the grade as a whole, and the other relating to his progress within his individual reading group.

It was further planned that the first and third quarter progress reports would be issued to parents in conjunction with a scheduled program of

parent-teacher conferences to provide an opportunity for amplifying the information presented on the progress report and for answering any questions of the parents immediately relative to interpretation of the marks or comments. Initial reaction to these changes following the first marking period seemed highly favorable.

The progress report used for pupils in grades three through six remains basically unchanged for the present.

The continuing program of curriculum revision centered in the fields of social studies, mathematics, health and safety, and English. The social studies curriculum for the kindergarten through the fourth grade was completely rewritten. Plans now call for the revision of the program for the two upper grades during 1971. This revision was the result of efforts made by a committee of teachers and administrators working during the school year and during the summer. A corollary to this revision of the curriculum was the selection of a new social studies textbook for grades three and four. Textbooks are not used below the third grade. It is expected that new textbooks and curriculum guide deal with social studies as a broad study, embracing strands of history, geography, economics, and sociology. This curriculum revision is considered as a tentative revision, with further changes expected after a year of use. Also under consideration in connection with this continuing revision is the development of a more structured program embracing the question of race relations and the issue of minority groups. No ready solutions for such a program are readily available and there is a wide diversity of opinion as to the proper approach which should be followed. In response to a proposal put forth by the Human Rights Council, pilot programs are now being undertaken in classrooms in Topsfield and Boxford to experiment with the intergroup relations program developed by the Lincoln Filene Center of Tufts University. Further study and development in this area is planned.

In the area of health and safety a staff committee rewrote that program as an integral portion of a broadened science curriculum. Much of health instruction is closely related to the studies of living things in natural science and there is a natural coordination between safe behavior and scientific living. Developed were five units to be used in the intermediate grades, three of these touching topics either new to our curriculum or currently of some public discussion. One such unit deals with the topic of the human body at the fifth grade level. More particularly, this unit deals with all systems of the body, including the previously-ignored reproductive system. The treatment of this particular topic will be introductory in nature. It is felt that it can be



most appropriately handled within the framework of the study of the human body as a whole. In view of the fact that there were some questions as to the appropriateness of the topic at the elementary school level, parents of fifth graders will be advised in advance as to when this particular topic will be taught, and will be given an opportunity to view the texts and audio-visual materials, and will be given the opportunity to have their child absent himself from this instruction should the parent so desire. It was felt most appropriate to present the study of the reproductive system at the fifth grade level because it is particularly appropriate to the needs of children approaching puberty, a need which unfortunately is not met elsewhere for many children. At this time the child is extremely curious, alert and eager to know about himself and the changes that are taking place within himself. The natural curiosity can be used to good advantage by an instructional program which covers all the body systems including the reproductive system, placing each in its proper perspective. It is felt that the classroom offers the opportunity for this presentation to be made objectively and in a dignified way. Emphasis will be placed on the fact that children should go to their parents to seek answers to questions beyond the realm of discussion in the classroom. Efforts will be made to help the pupil to appreciate the wonder of his body, to develop an attitude of respect toward himself and others, and to gain a greater understanding of the mores of society in this regard.

A second unit dealing with a somewhat sensitive issue is a sixth grade unit dealing with sociological problems, more especially the misuse of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. A guiding concept is that full knowledge about tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, and the consequences of their use and misuse, can result in the development of desirable habits and the conservation of the individual's health. Another sixth grade unit deals with community health. This topic is not new, but the current interest in the environmental problem creates a natural impetus for the consideration of community health and makes it a matter of real relevancy. Included within this study will be a consideration of the safe-guarding of the community's water supply, the proper treatment of household and industrial wastes, the proper protection of food supplies, the control of disease-spreading agents, and the control of air pollution.

In other curriculum work, both the arithmetic guide and the English guide were brought up to date. The English guide was rewritten in terms of specific behavioral objectives, as opposed to the previous approach of statements of concepts and skills to be studied. In such areas as grammar and

creative writing, the expectations for each pupil at each grade level are stated in terms of simple, specific behaviors that the child should be able to accomplish as a result of the instruction. This new format should make possible more direct planning on the part of the teacher to accomplish the specified objectives and should also provide a much better vehicle for evaluation of the attainments of the pupil at the completion of the instruction.

The mathematics curriculum guide was increased by the addition of new sections at the intermediate grade level for those children who are working at a below-average level. New textbooks designed for use with these pupils were put into use during 1970 and the use of these books and the new objectives to be attained by these children are clearly outlined in these new sections of the guide.

The curriculum of any school system must be a dynamic and changing process rather than a fixed structure. The developments of the past year are typical of this continuing process. Plans are now in process for further development in social studies, health, and in the statement of aims and objectives of the system. It is recognized that much needs to be done now, that much will always remain to be done. Within the limitation of the resources that any small system faces, continuing efforts will be made to keep the curriculum abreast of emerging needs and changing times.

#### Students

The school committee adopted in 1969, a flexible entering age policy, which will become fully operative for the first time for the 1971-1972 school year. The policy reads:

Age of Admission - Children entering kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday by October 31st of the year in which they enroll.

Children who reach their fifth birthday in the three-month period immediately following (November 1 through January 31) will be enrolled upon successful completion of screening procedures administered by the school system. The decision of the school administration will be final and binding.

Children entering Grade One without previous successful public school kindergarten experience must reach their sixth birthday by October 31st of the year in which they enroll.

Children who reach their sixth birthday in the three-month period immediately following (November 1 through January 31) will be enrolled upon successful completion of screening procedures administered by the school sys-



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tem. The decision of the school administration will be final and binding.

Underage first grade pupils transferring from other school systems may be admitted under the following conditions:

- 1) The school must be a part of a recognized accredited school system.
- 2) In every case, the admission of underage children shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the appropriate grade program of the Boxford Public Schools, such fitness to be determined by the Superintendent of Schools.
- 3) All admissions are subject to a probationary period of one (1) term.

This above policy was first put into operation for the 1970-1971 school year on a limited basis. Several children born in the three month period from November 1 through January 31 were screened for admission, according to procedures which had been established by the administration. First indications were that the screening procedures as established appeared to be quite effective in identifying those children for whom early entrance to school would carry with it significant probability of difficulty or failure. It is the ultimate objective of this flexible entering age policy to admit some children earlier than might have been the case in view of their academic aptitude and level of maturation? and conversely to delay school entrance for one year for those children whose lack of maturity or readiness for a formal school program would make their chances of success highly questionable. There is much to gain with such children if they can avoid a first year of school experience, which for them would be one of frustration and a feeling of failure. Parental cooperation and understanding in this matter have been extremely helpful, redounding to the benefit of the children involved.

### School Lunch Program

The School Lunch Program continued to be a significant aspect of the total school program. Between sixty and seventy percent of our pupils normally eat the Class A school lunch and thereby have the benefits of a well-balanced, nourishing meal each noontime. During the past two years the rising tide of supply costs and labor costs, both consistent with the national inflationary trend, brought about the necessity for raising the price of the lunch from \$.25 to \$.30. The \$.25 price charged to pupils was that originally set when the program was initiated in 1955. Substantial operating losses over a period of two years, brought the cafeteria cash account to such a low point

that no acceptable alternative existed. Since the price was increased, the program has been able to operate at a very slight profit for the past several months. Hopefully, this new trend will continue and the school lunch program will be able to operate without another price increase or further subsidization of the program with local funds.

Adopted recently was a new and comprehensive policy governing the provision of free or reduced-price lunches. This new policy was given wide press release and copies were forwarded to all parents. This policy set specific guidelines as to eligibility and procedures for application.

In an attempt to bring about greater economy, the Boxford, Middleton, Topsfield and Masconomet districts recently sought bids for the provision of standard items of food and supplies on a unified basis in the hope that larger-scale buying would result in lower costs. Beginning in January 1971, some lunch program items will be purchased from one vender on the basis of the competitive bids submitted. While the initial bids did not bring the kind of savings which had been hoped for, nevertheless it does represent a significant step in the direction of greater economy. It is expected that further unified bidding will be attempted with some modifications in procedures to bring about greater potential savings.

The annual financial statement follows:

<u>1969-1970 School Year</u>		
Recèipts		
Sales	\$ 22,685.41	
U.S.D.A.	<u>9,035.89</u>	
		\$ 31,694.30
Expenditures		
Food	\$ 18,825.71	
Labor	12,465.10	
Equipment	26.05	
Other	<u>2,176.70</u>	
		<u>33,493.56</u>
NET LOSS		1,799.26

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Health Services

Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Hunger, School Nurse, and Doctors David and James Brackbill, School Physicians, a comprehensive school health program is carried on, especially in those areas relating to school progress. The height and weight of each child is recorded annually. Care is provided to ill or injured children until their parents can assume the responsibility for them.

Other services provided during the past year include:

Physical Examinations	61 pupils -- 2 referrals
Audiometer Tests	all pupils -- 11 referrals
Vision Tests	all pupils -- 41 referrals
Tuberculosis Tine Tests	70 pupils 21 staff
Rubella Vaccine (German measles)	355 pupils
Influenza Vaccine	36 staff

Regional Cooperation

The unique relationships existing among the elementary systems in Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield and the Masconomet Regional School have required the establishment of an effective working relationship and the maintenance of good lines of communication. Such a working relationship and open lines of communication have been carried on at three levels; among staffs, among administrators, and among school committee members. Joint meetings of staff members have been held as the need requires. For example, significant effort is made to facilitate the transfer of sixth grade pupils into the junior high school. The three superintendents meet on a regular basis with a planned agenda. Much informal communication is carried on as the situations arise. Similar informal communication takes place among school committee members as well as in the more formal context of subcommittee meetings. One such subcommittee, the Future Considerations Subcommittee, meets monthly and explores matters of common interest. This subcommittee, under the Chairmanship of Norman Nathan of the Middleton School Committee, consists of two representatives from each of the four school committees with support from administrators. Recently under consideration have been the topics of the twelve month school year, an enlarged summer school program, and fuller use of the Masconomet plant by the communities.

The second subcommittee, The Regionalization Planning Committee, is charged with drawing up a model amendment to the Masconomet Regional Agreement, which would expand that agreement to include responsibility for all grades from kindergarten through grade twelve. This committee is comprised of one member from each of the four school committees and one representative from the Finance Committee of each of the three towns, again with the assistance of administrators. Topsfield Finance Committee Member Kenneth Kastner chairs this subcommittee.

Tangible results of this cooperation are evidenced in a unified school calendar; a unified transportation system involving Masconomet, Middleton, and Topsfield; unified milk bids; and more recently unified bids on food for the lunch program. In view is a further extension of this unified bid approach.

#### Some Points to Ponder

1) Regional Vocational Technical School - Several years ago the towns of Boxford and Topsfield were invited to participate in the original planning of a new regional vocational-technical school in the greater Haverhill area. This original planning has resulted in the Whittier Regional Vocational-Technical School. Ground was broken for this structure within the past few weeks. Both Boxford and Topsfield decided that participation in the Whittier School was not warranted in view of the extent of the apparent needs at that time. The fact that Middleton, the third partner in the Masconomet Region, would not have been included in the Whittier School also clouded the issue. Also involved in the decision not to participate was the issue as to whether such vocational-technical needs could better be served as part of a more comprehensive vocational program at Masconomet as compared to participation in the broader regional plan.

During the past months, tentative steps were taken toward the eventual formation of a new regional-vocational technical school district, which would serve the North Shore, including the cities of Beverly, Peabody, Salem and some surrounding towns. Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield were invited to participate in the exploratory discussions. As a result of these initial discussions, the three towns took action at the 1970 annual town meetings to establish a three member planning committee from each town. These planning committees, in conjunction with the planning committees of the other communities, have now joined to form a regional planning board. The first



meeting of this regional planning board was held in December. It is too early to know what will be the recommendations of this planning board. There may well be a move toward the establishment of a regional vocational-technical school district and the construction of a building for that purpose. It is also too early to know whether participation by the local towns in such a district would be the best course of action. However, it is apparent that this may well be the last opportunity for the local towns to participate as charter members in the development of any such regional vocational-technical school. Therefore, the issue of whether to participate in such an expanded region or to provide a more comprehensive program as part of the Masconomet Regional program must be clearly faced and resolved. There is little doubt that a better program for non-college bound students should be provided. The real question is how this better program can best be provided to serve the best interests in the towns and the secondary students in these towns.

2) School District Organization - The question of an eventual K - 12 organization has been wrestled with by the school committees and various subcommittees within the Masconomet Region during the past three years. Further impetus to the consideration of such a district reorganization came from the guidelines of the Board of Education issued in January, 1968, which set as minimum standards an organization of K - 12 districts of 2000 pupils or more. At present none of the local districts nor the Masconomet Regional District meets the standards. Giving continuing support to this original impetus has been the release of several studies by the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Education which have recommended the elimination of so-called, inefficient small districts and the development of larger and more efficient units to effect economy in the business operations of school districts.

In 1969 the Future Considerations Subcommittee recommended by a majority vote a movement toward immediate implementation of a three-town, K - 12 organization by amending the present Masconomet agreement to include responsibility for all grade levels. However, in view of the opposition of the Topsfield School Committee and the lack of resolution of certain critical issues, the course of action decided upon was the establishment of a Regionalization Planning Committee to draw up a model revision to the Masconomet agreement to provide for a K - 12 organization. It was hoped that such a model agreement would result in the identification and resolution of basic issues involved as well as providing a working model for immediate use should either state mandate or local decision dictate such a change in organization.



One clearly-identified issue is that of the so-called veto power of individual towns. Under the present agreement, the towns vote individually upon regional bond issues or amendments, of the agreement. The defeat of a proposed amendment or a proposed bond issue in any one town is sufficient to defeat the proposal. Under legislation enacted in 1968, it is now possible for regional member towns to vote to amend the district agreement to eliminate such veto power of individual towns as far as bond issues are concerned. Under this new permissive statute, voting on a bond issue would be done on a referendum in an election conducted by the regional district committee. The decision would be made by a majority vote of the voters of the region taken as a whole, without regard to voting within the individual towns. In an effort to resolve this issue and determine whether such a provision should be written into the model agreement under preparation, the Masconomet School Committee, at the recommendation of the local school committees, is presenting an article for consideration at the annual town meeting in each of the three towns. The article would amend the present regional agreement to provide for such a total district vote to take the place of the present voting on bond issue by towns whereby each town in effect reserves a veto power.

3) Services for Handicapped Children - During the past decade there has been a much needed and rapidly accelerating interest in and provision for services for children with special needs. This would include children with problems of mental retardation, physical handicaps, learning handicaps, emotional problems and the like. The stimulus for the provision of these services has come about primarily through legislative action in response to the appeals and pressure of various groups with interests in each of these given areas. The need for such services is obvious. Locally, in the past years, the system has added special help for children with specific learning disabilities, as well as a new class for children with emotional problems. In addition, a greater number of children are being sent to neighboring communities to participate in programs for mentally retarded children. Provision of services is not only expensive but difficult to provide as well, in view of the lack of adequate numbers of children to set up programs and a lack of staff resources to establish and direct these programs. A Massachusetts Advisory Committee on Education Task Force is currently studying the question of school district organization. One expected recommendation of their study is the cooperation, regional provision of special services for handicapped pupils and a program of services could be used by the local communities as needs dictate, with a payment for a proportionate share based upon the number of participants from

each community. It is hoped that such a plan will become a reality and make possible the provision of a more comprehensive special services program at a lesser cost to the individual communities than is presently possible for small communities such as ours.

4) Teacher Salary Determination - Earlier, reference was made to the local operation of collective bargaining process in the determination of teacher salary schedules and certain fringe benefits. The thrust of teacher efforts has been naturally in the direction of higher salaries, more fringe benefits, and better working conditions. The teacher association position on salary has been one of maintaining the standard type of salary schedule, which calls for automatic annual increments on an established schedule based upon years of experience and level of training. At the state level, a major emphasis of the teachers' legislative program has been the strengthening of teacher tenure rights and the extension of greater protection against dismissal to non-tenure teachers as well as making the process of non-reappointment more difficult to carry out on the part of the school committee. This is not to say that any problems currently exist in this connection locally.

The position of the school committee relative to salary issue has been one of a desire to shift away from the rigid, training-experience schedule toward the payment of differentiated rates of compensation for staff members assuming greater responsibilities or performing at a higher level of competence. The teacher position relative to so-called merit salary schedule has been negative, both locally and at the state level. In view of the continuing escalation in the cost of public education, a significant portion of which must be allotted to instructional salaries, and in view of the continuing demands of collective bargaining requiring a resolution of opposing position each year on the part of the teachers and the committee, some eventual coalescing of positions will hopefully emerge.

5) Performance Contracting - A new development which has come over the educational horizon has been that of performance contracting. Performance contracting in short, is the entering into a legal contract by the school committee with either a private educational concern or with teachers within its own staff to bring about stipulated educational objectives by the pupils. Contract stipulations usually provide for a greater or less amount of reimbursement, depending upon the actual performance of the children after a period of instruction as determined by a previously agreed upon evaluation instrument. Such performance contracting is becoming more common but is still very much in the exploratory stage. At first blush, the concept seems

enormously attractive: however, there are obvious dangers as well. Education cannot become the mere teaching to a test, nor restricted only to those aspects which can be determined by objective, information-seeking instruments. The initial position taken by the National Education Association on performance contracting, has been one of great reservation and much skepticism as might be expected. The initial reaction of school boards generally has been one of a high degree of interest. Whether performance contracting will become a significant aspect of the total public education picture in the near future is completely speculative at this point. However, a note should be taken of its development.

6) Local Autonomy - The concept of local autonomy has been a cherished ideal in our small towns. This has been equally true as applied to the town's political government and to the school operation. Traditionally Massachusetts provided much autonomy to local school committees in the administration of the school system. In preceding generations the school committee enjoyed wide discretionary authority with few restraints and from whose decisions there were few avenue of appeal. This wide discretion has been gradually eroded over a period of decades with a great acceleration in this erosion process during the 1960's. For example:

- 1) Recent legislation prescribes the provision of a variety of special services. The provision of these special services must meet guidelines developed by the Department of Education.

- 2) The Board of Education, as reconstituted by 1965 legislation has established guidelines and regulations setting standards for school district organization, requiring a kindergarten program, establishing a minimum school day and school year, requiring a minimum physical education program, etc. Now, in final stages of development are minimum curriculum standards.

- 3) Legislation and judicial decisions have strengthened teacher tenure laws.

- 4) The collective bargaining statute conveys some control over salary and budget to organizations other than the school committee.

- 5) Judicial decisions have greatly expanded the civil rights of pupils and teachers with reciprocal decrease in the extent of administrative and committee discretion.

- 6) Federal programs, operating through a variety of categorical grants, exercise control over local programs. The school system

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which seeks federal aid must accept the ever-growing guidelines and paper work.

Unless action is taken to reverse this trend of a continuing diminution of the prerogatives of the school committee, the long-cherished local school autonomy will fade rapidly into myth.

## ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER 1, 1970

## HARRY LEE COLE

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	19	14	24	25	18	20	26	146
Girls	19	23	19	21	25	25	23	155
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	38	37	43	46	43	45	49	301

## SPOFFORD POND

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	25	24	34	29	36	35	39	222
Girls	14	21	32	26	30	27	32	182
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	39	45	66	55	66	62	71	404

## SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	16-21	Totals
Boys	93	542	11	746
Girls	88	524	90	702
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	181	1066	201	1448

## NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

No-school announcements will be broadcast over WBZ, WEEI, WHDH, WESX, WMLO and WHAV between 7:00 and 7:30 A.M. if there is no school for the day. Announcements regarding 'No School' are made by the Boxford Superintendent for the Boxford Elementary Schools only. Announcements



for the Masconomet Regional High School will be made by the Regional Superintendent and will be designated 'Masconomet Regional High School.'

In addition three long blasts will be given on the local fire alarm at 7:15 A.M. to designate no school for the elementary classes (grades kindergarten through six) for the day. A similar signal at 10:45 A.M. will indicate no afternoon kindergarten session.

During stormy or extremely cold weather, parents are urged to exercise their own judgment in sending their children to school.

### VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION

The law now requires vaccination against small pox and immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, and poliomyelitis as a condition of school attendance. A child may be admitted upon certification by a physician that the health of the child would be endangered by such vaccination or immunizations. Parents are requested to attend to this matter prior to the spring registration for Kindergarten and Grade One if possible.



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## BOXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

## 1970 – 1971 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept.	2	(Thursday)	New Teacher Orientation
Sept.	7	(Tuesday)	Teacher Orientation
Sept.	8	(Wednesday)	School Opening – Regular Sessions
Oct.	11	(Monday)	Columbus Day – No School
Oct.	25	(Monday)	Veteran's Day – No School
Nov.	24	(Wednesday)	Thanksgiving Recess – Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
Nov.	29	(Monday)	School Reopens
Dec.	23	(Thursday)	Close for Christmas Recess at regular hour
Jan.	3	(Monday)	School Reopens
Feb.	18	(Friday)	Close for Winter Recess at regular hour
Feb.	28	(Monday)	School Reopens
March	31	(Friday)	Good Friday – No School
April	14	(Friday)	Close for Spring Recess at regular hour
April	24	(Monday)	School Reopens
May	29	(Monday)	Memorial Day – No School
June	*22	(Thursday)	Close for Summer Recess at noon

\*If statutory requirement has been met

September	17 days	February	16 days
October	19 days	March	22 days
November	20 days	April	15 days
December	17 days	May	22 days
January	21 days	June	16 days
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94 days		91 days	

Total 185 Days

Adopted – Boxford School Committee November 12, 1970

# TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

As of January 1, 1971

Name	Grade or Subject	School	Appoint-ment	Graduate of
Joseph P. Ritchie	Principal	Spofford Pond	1956	Boston College
Ruth A. Curtis	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1967	Gorham State College
Michael Kelly	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1969	Duquesne University
Agnes Schmitt	Grade 6	Spofford Pond	1966	Northwestern University
Joseph Bateman	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1970	Salem State College
Ruth Morin	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1950	Hyannis State College
James D. Platt	Grade 5	Spofford Pond	1969	Boston State College
Aleda Collins	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1968	Castleton State College
Leslie Hamilton	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1969	Merrimack College
Mary Oberti	Grade 4	Spofford Pond	1969	Plymouth Teachers College
Anne M. Howard	Grade 3	Spofford Pond	1967	Bates College
Betsy Roberts	Grade 3	Spofford Pond	1969	Lake Erie College
Dorothy M. Carver	Grade 2	Spofford Pond	1941	Salem State College
Marion Caulfield	Grade 2	Spofford Pond	1970	San Francisco State College
Mary L. Eichorn	Grade 2	Spofford Pond	1968	Wellesley College
Enid Davis	Grade 1	Spofford Pond	1961	So. Conn. State College
Barbara A. Horn	Grade 1	Spofford Pond	1963	Lesley College
Miriam Andrews	Kindergarten	Spofford Pond	1969	Tufts College
Joan Leighton	Kindergarten	Spofford Pond	1969	Wheelock College

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Isabelle A. Griffin	Principal	Harry L. Cole	1961	Regis College
Phyllis Karraker	Grade 6	Harry L. Cole	1970	Wheaton College
Kenneth Keaney	Grade 6	Harry L. Cole	1968	Northeastern University
Richard Bateman	Grade 5	Harry L. Cole	1970	Salem State College
Ann Bixby	Grade 5	Harry L. Cole	1969	Wellesley College
Barbara Benson	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1964	University of Illinois
Marilyn S. Guptill	Grade 4	Harry L. Cole	1968	University of New Hampshire
Marilyn J. Keith	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1969	Conn. College for Women
Phyllis Wallace	Grade 3	Harry L. Cole	1970	Salem State College
Harriet Ernst	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1967	University of Massachusetts
Nancy Reid	Grade 2	Harry L. Cole	1968	Bridgewater State College
Virginia Douglass	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1964	Salem State College
Edith Fritzsche	Grade 1	Harry L. Cole	1969	Humboldt State College
Ann Millett	Kindergarten	Harry L. Cole	1969	Lesley College
Eleanor Schmamel	Art		1967	Columbia University
Alice F. Boffetti	Music		1964	N. E. Conservatory Music
Jill MacDonald	Physical Education		1967	Iowa State University
Helen M. Vautin	Physical Education		1965	Douglas College
Dorothea D'Agostino	Reading		1960	Farmington State College
Dona McDuff	Reading		1970	Salem State College
Rita Wade	Reading		1970	Boston Teachers College
Lois R. Crane	School Adjustment Counselor		1962	Boston University
Elizabeth Weston	Speech		1970	San Diego State College

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Building Committee	Term Expires
J. Stuart Haywood, Chairman	1971
A. Gordon Price, Vice Chairman	Annual, from School Committee
Wade T. Elliott, Secretary	1973
Harris Gates	Annual, from School Committee
Frederick B. Monell	1974
Peter Race	Annual, from School Committee
Julius J. Sasso	1972

Far fewer meetings were required as this past year saw final completion of the new Spofford Pond School wing. Most of the time has been spent pursuing completion of minor details ensuring that any imperfections in construction and uncompleted items were taken care of by the Contractor.

At this writing we have been unable to have a final closing of the books due to awaiting final requisition from the Contractor.

Other areas of discussion and investigation were future school sites and future enrollment growth.

It appears at this time, that present elementary school facilities will be adequate for "some time" as the following growth projection indicates. However, it should be pointed out that the projection is but an estimate based upon the enrollment history of the past five years. Changing conditions can completely invalidate the projected data.

<u>Actual K-6 Enrollment</u>		<u>Projected K-6 Enrollment</u>	
1966	563	1971	703
1967	643	1972	708
1968	656	1973	708
1969	712*	1974	705
1970	705	1975	702

\*First year of kindergarten

It should also be of interest to note that we also concurred with the School Committee in its' action of turning the Morse School building in West Boxford over to the control of the Board of Selectmen.

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The Committee would like to go on record in our annual report that a review of our earlier decision still indicates that when future school building facilities become a necessity that additions be made at the Cole-Wood location.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. STUART HAYWOOD, Chairman



## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee of Boxford has submitted to the Town the proposed budgets for 1971 after a careful review with the various departments and Boards. We wish to thank the Townspeople involved for their cooperation and interest in the Town.

There are increases in some departments, but in our opinion they are necessary and merited. There must be a continuing effort to see that the tax dollar is wisely spent and the taxpayer receives the maximum return for his taxes.

We would like to commend both the Regional School Committee and the Boxford School Committee for their efforts in behalf of the taxpayer. Both Committees work long and hard on their budgets with a pleasing result to the Finance Committee.

The Town Treasurer should be commended for his excellent efforts on behalf of the Town. His wise investment policy has made a substantial return to the Town. His advice and council on the subject of interest rates greatly assisted in savings in the bond interest rate at the Regional School.

The Finance Committee made an interim report that was sent to all homes in Boxford. We felt that this report would show the past trends of the Town and project these trends into the near future.

## TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND — 1970

Appropriation		\$25,000.00
Transfers to Police Cruiser Ambulance	\$ 100.00	
Highway Equipment	245.00	
Board of Health	645.35	
Group Hospital & Life Ins.	16.81	
Town Clerk	62.01	
Snow Removal & Sanding	8,994.17	
Town Halls	110.14	
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	\$10,182.48	

DE WITT T. MINICH, Chairman  
 JOHN G. BOLTON  
 RICHARD DE MARK  
 JAMES H. HEEREMANS  
 CARLYLE W. THOMAS

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## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County,

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Masconomet Regional School, Boxford, on Monday, the first day of March next at 8:00 in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and committees.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the proposed budget and to see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Town Clerk, Accountant, Selectmen, and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to establish a Communications Department and set the salary of the Director. Funds for the department will be transferred from:

Fire Department	\$ 7,138.00
Police Department	10,600.00

and additional sum to be raised and appropriated.  
(Sponsored by the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2200.00 for capital outlay to enlarge the Communications system to include the Highway Department.

(Sponsored by the Highway Surveyor)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish a Department of Buildings and Grounds and set the salary of the Superintendent at \$1,000.00 annually; Funds for the 1971 budget of \$6,000.00 to be transferred from:

Town Halls	\$ 2,500.00
Public Grounds	300.00
Community House	300.00
Maintenance of Ball Fields	2,550.00
Maintenance of Skating rinks	250.00
Old Town Cemetery	50.00
Libraries-Mowing and Shovelling	50.00

and by raising and appropriating an additional sum of \$833.00.  
(Sponsored by the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,436.00 for the purchase of equipment for the maintenance of the Town's buildings and grounds.

(Sponsored by the Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,500.00 or other suitable amount for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

(Sponsored by the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1971, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and renew any note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 10. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

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ARTICLE 11. To appropriate the sum of money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,250.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction, to be used for construction on Washington Street.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$41,825.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500.00 to be used for improvement and surfacing of the east-erly end of Herrick Road.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of Highway equipment.

(Sponsored by the Highway Surveyor)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$729.00 for the purchase of speed signs, this sum to be added to the amount appropriated in 1970.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a present police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$3,200.00 to purchase and equip for the Police Department a new cruiser-ambulance.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to create a Building Committee, consisting of a member of the Facilities Planning Committee, a member of the Fire Department and three (3) citizens at large, to be appointed by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 or other suitable sum

for the purpose of developing preliminary plans for a new Fire Station in West Boxford.

(Sponsored by the Fire Chief)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to create a Building Committee, consisting of a member of the Facilities Planning Committee, a member of the Fire Department and three (3) citizens at large, all to be appointed by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 or other suitable sum for the purpose of obtaining professional services to provide cost estimates for both the complete renovation of the West Boxford Fire Station and a new building.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a suitable sum for repairs to the present West Boxford Fire Station.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to negotiate the acquisition of land off Main Street in West Boxford abutting the Town Forest, to include all land within 400 feet of the Town Well; and to raise, appropriate or transfer a suitable sum of money for such acquisition or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsored by the Water and Drainage Committee)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a by-law establishing Historic Districts and an Historic District Commission under the provisions of Chapter 40C, General Laws, or do anything in relation thereto; copy of proposed by-law being on file with the Town Clerk.

(Sponsored by the Historic District Study Committee)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to approve of the transfer, with legislative authorization, of title to 7.9 acres of land within the Town of Boxford owned by Videtta Corporation and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Property bordering Pye Brook, Topsfield" dated December 1970 by C. Lawrence Bond, to the Town of Topsfield for conservation and no other purposes, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver any notices or correspondence of such approval.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)



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ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for drug education and prevention, such fund to be administered by the Board of Health.

(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Agreement between the Towns of Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield forming the Masconomet Regional School District by striking out and resinding Section XII of said Agreement entitled "Incurring of Debt", and adding Section XII providing for the incurring of a debt, other than a temporary debt, in anticipation of revenue be pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Chapter 71, Section 16(n) of the General Laws of Massachusetts (Ter. Ed.) as amended. Said amendment will in substance provide that the incurring of other than temporary indebtedness must be approved by a majority of the registered voters in the member towns voting on the question at an election called by the three towns, at the expense of the district, on ballots prepared by the district, and conducted in each town in the same manner as the election of town officers.

(Sponsored by the Masconomet Regional School District Committee)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a charge for the inspection of oil burners and fuel storage tanks, such charge to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

(Sponsored by the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in the Spofford Pond School, Boxford, on Tuesday, the second day of March next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for one year; Selectman for three years; Town Clerk for three years; Member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Member of the Board of Assessors for two years; Collector of Taxes for one year; Member of the Board of Health for three years; Highway Surveyor for one year; Constable West Parish for one year; Constable East

Parish for one year; Two members of the Planning Board for five years; One member of the Planning Board for one year; One member of the School Committee for three years; One member of the Regional District School Committee for three years; three Library Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for one year; and to vote upon the following question: Shall the Town purchase additional group life and group accidental death and dismemberment insurance for employees in accordance with the provisions of chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws with no premium contribution by the town?

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12 NOON  
AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said Town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.

EARL BLAKE  
JOHN EVANS  
RUTH E. RACE  
Board of Selectmen

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## EXPENDITURES AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	Expenditures		Proposed Budget 1971
	1969	1970	
<b><u>General Government:</u></b>			
Selectmen	\$ 2,363.33	\$ 2,286.74	\$ 2,775.00
Board of Public Welfare	10.00		25.00
Assessors	3,440.10	3,841.10	6,100.00
Treasurer	3,556.88	4,017.68	5,034.00
Town Clerk	678.05	762.01	900.00
Accountant	3,830.11	3,943.90	4,200.00
Collector	2,000.00	2,421.09	2,900.00
Registrars	166.25	350.00	600.00
Elections	1,069.90	1,031.66	350.00
Town Counsel	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Conservation Commission	45.00	15.00	60.00
Appeal Board	591.87	134.70	500.00
Planning Board	83.02	100.00	900.00
Building Inspector	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Wire Inspector	1,100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Gas Inspector	581.00	609.00	600.00
Olumbing Inspector	488.86	557.54	600.00
Finance Committee	20.00	25.00	335.00
Recreation Committee	2,720.08	3,885.63	3,525.00
Board of Health	9,585.99	12,165.35	20,000.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	564.01	419.09	
Inspector of Animals	50.00		50.00
Child Guidance Center	600.80	783.20	1,480.37
	\$ 35,845.25	\$ 40,848.69	\$ 54,434.37
<b><u>Protection of Persons and Property:</u></b>			
Dog Officer	\$ 279.00	\$ 442.00	\$ 400.00
Police	49,394.76	70,100.18	75,622.00
Fire Department	22,790.26	20,262.51	25,523.00
Tree Warden	2,000.00	1,999.97	2,500.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00	1,399.85	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	\$ 77,864.02	\$ 96,704.51	\$ 107,945.00
<b><u>Aid and Relief:</u></b>			
Veterans Benefits	\$ 2,337.70	\$ 3,232.60	\$ 4,500.00
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## Schools & Libraries:

Schools – Town	\$ 407,836.47	\$ 481,405.29	\$ 524,238.00
Regional District School	599,030.00	744,643.48	844,649.69
Town Libraries	24,567.54	25,089.53	25,430.00
	<u>\$1,031,434.01</u>	<u>\$1,251,138.30</u>	<u>\$1,394,317.69</u>

## Highways:

Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$ 2,609.89	\$ 1,717.66	\$ 2,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	21,727.50	21,688.00	2,920.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	43,148.39	33,850.67	30,000.00
Street Lighting	825.82	913.92	1,300.00
Vacation Account	1,526.00	1,790.00	2,400.00
Sick Benefit	168.00	115.00	1,000.00
Operational Expense	1,500.00	2,658.46	3,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	6,480.20	6,750.43	3,500.00
General Highway Department		1,839.65	2,000.00
	<u>\$ 77,985.80</u>	<u>\$ 71,323.79</u>	<u>\$ 48,120.00</u>

## Unclassified:

Town Halls	\$ 1,722.19	\$ 2,110.14	\$ 2,500.00
Public Grounds	64.00	82.24	300.00
Town Forest			100.00
Civil Defense	282.33	97.62	200.00
Insurance	2,817.87	3,358.48	3,400.00
Memorial Day	631.82	600.00	600.00
Soldiers Graves	225.00	225.00	225.00
Brookside Cemetery		100.00	100.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	100.00	100.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00	150.00	250.00
Harmony Cemetery	150.00	150.00	200.00
"Old Town Cemetery	50.00	50.00	50.00
Town Reports	1,495.75	1,719.00	2,000.00
Clerical	1,475.26	1,754.88	3,000.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	1,221.79	1,528.99	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt and Temporary Loan	13,147.79	13,503.64	11,651.00
School House Notes	36,204.00	34,000.00	34,000.00
Community House	112.33	276.81	300.00
Group Hospital & Life Insurance	5,187.83	5,891.83	6,300.00
Water Source Survey	151.10		1,000.00
	<u>\$ 65,139.06</u>	<u>\$ 65,698.63</u>	<u>\$ 68,276.00</u>

















